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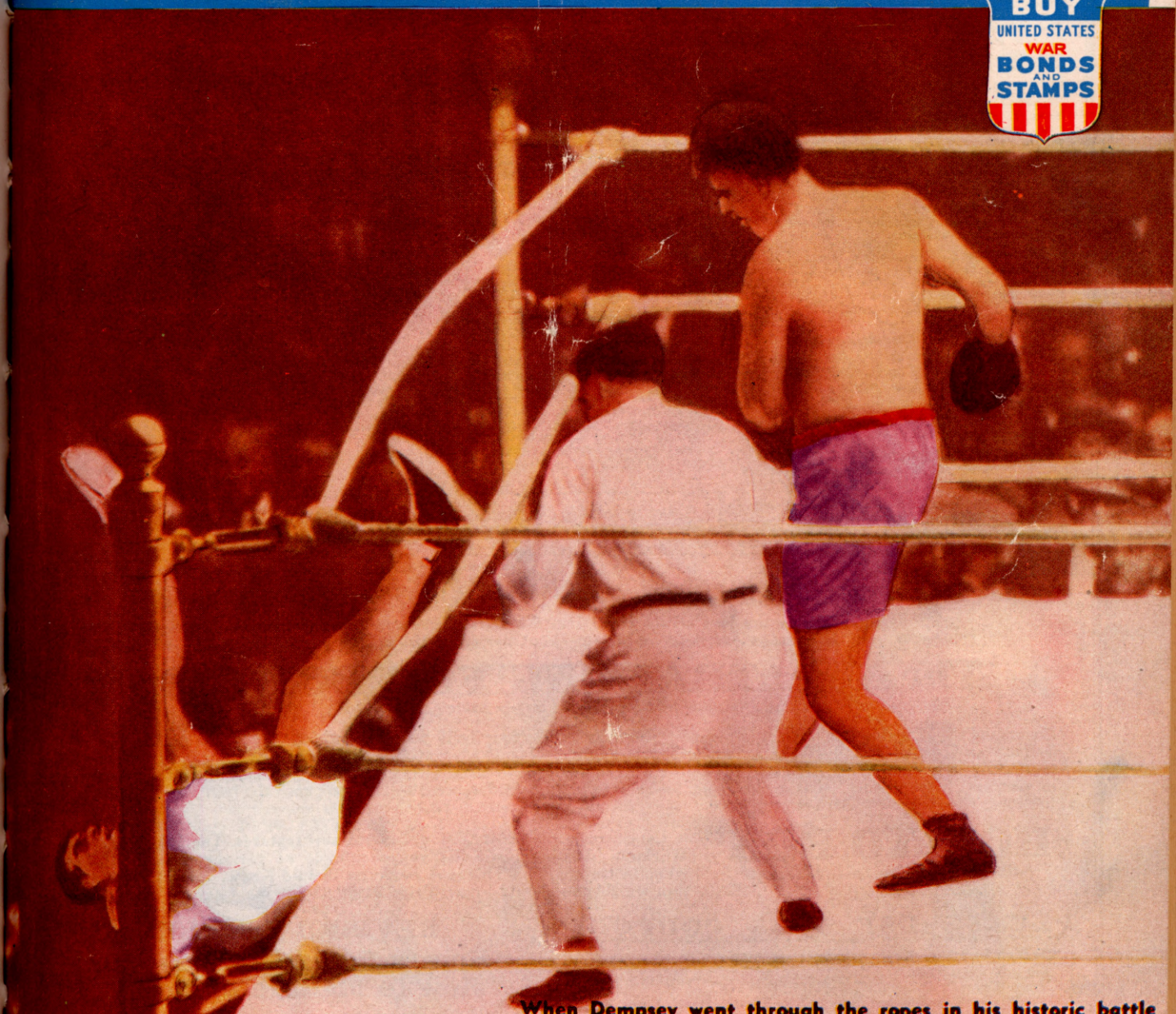

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BIG INTER-ALLIED BOXING TOURNEY *to* FOLLOW "V" DAY

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WITH the war in Europe rapidly reaching the final stages, the War Department's Special Service Division is completing arrangements for the most gigantic athletic undertaking ever considered. A post-war program calling for the participation of G.I.'s in sports of all varieties, with championships at stake in boxing, baseball, tennis, golf, hockey, badminton, skiing and skating, has been in the process of making for more than a year. No sooner will the report of the capitulation of the Germans be flashed around the world than the program will be set in motion as a morale builder during the period of occupation and the transfer of our fighting men to the Pacific area. The Canadians and British are working on similar plans and our own Eddie Borden of THE RING staff, member of the Canadian Army, is in charge for his organization.

Equipment of every variety, stored for a long time in the headquarters of the Army Quartermaster's department in this country, is ready to be shipped overseas in preparation for the big event. In fact, much of the paraphernalia already has been sent over. Clinics in all branches are being held in which leaders, men recognized as the best in each branch of athletics, are being used as lecturers for the Special Service instructors who are to handle the program in Europe.

The biggest part of the program will concern boxing. The most pretentious tournament ever staged anywhere, has been planned, a tourney in which every one of the Allied nations will be asked to contribute its quota of men to participate in a far bigger Inter-Allied boxing championship meet than was staged following the last war when Gene Tunney won the light-heavyweight title and Bob Martin took the heavyweight crown.

Every army now engaged in fighting the Germans, will have its representatives.

Preliminary affairs will be run off in each sector and the victors will be given the opportunity to compete in the Palais des Sports of Paris in the Inter-Allied meet. Several thousand men will take part in the tournament that will last one month and it is expected that Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Jimmy Braddock among other international boxing figures, will be among the referees.

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WITH more and more American soldiers being evacuated from the European fighting zone either for hospitalization in this country or for rehabilitation, there is less need now for athletic equipment to be shipped overseas by the Servicemen's Athletic Fund of which Mike Jacobs is president, hence much of the money that was used for equipment previously, has been shifted to a new purpose—to provide telephone calls for such evacuated service men. This fund, to which the clubs of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been contributing for almost two years, has already shipped more than twenty thousand dollars worth of equipment to overseas training camps, and for the past three months, has spent thousands of dollars to provide telephone service to the homes of lads who have reached the East to await shipment to the battle fields and for the wounded who have been sent from Europe to the Eastern sector hospitals.

And now still another use is to be made of the fund. Under the guidance of Mike Jacobs and with the consent of the directors of the fund, Abe Greene, president of the National Boxing Association, Commissioner Raines of Pennsylvania, Commissioner Hall of New Jersey and General Phelan of the New York Commission, an offer has been made to the Special Service Branch of the War Department to provide through this fund, solid gold watches for the winners in each class in each division of every army overseas which will take part in the title meets following V Day.

There are seventeen armies in the field at present, and if the War Department accepts the Servicemen's Equipment Fund's money for such prizes, 150 gold watches, costing in the vicinity of $10,000, will be awarded by this fund to the victorious boxers. Thus every fight fan in clubs which are now contributing to this fund, heretofore used for the purchase of athletic equipment, will be a contributor to the great Inter-Allied boxing tournament.

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IN ADDITION, it is planned to have the boxing championships in this country for the various corps areas. If it can be arranged, the victors in each Corps area will take part in a national Army championship tournament in New York, preferably at the Yankee Stadium or Polo Grounds, and the winner of the title in each division, from flyweight through heavyweight, will be sent overseas to compete in the Inter-Allied tournament and will be awarded a gold watch by the Servicemen's Equipment Fund.

The undertaking both here and abroad, will involve the competition of thousands of servicemen and the use of several hundred well-equipped members of the Special Service Corps to handle the various meets.

In the meantime, though The Servicemen's Equipment Fund has practically ceased to function in its original aim, THE RING Editor continues to ship equipment to far off lands where our boys are unable to obtain any boxing merchandise through regular channels. During the past eight weeks, THE RING Editor has shipped to China, the Marianas, Guam, and Brazil, to men of our armed forces, $860 worth of equipment.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Many Upsets Start Spring Boxing Season

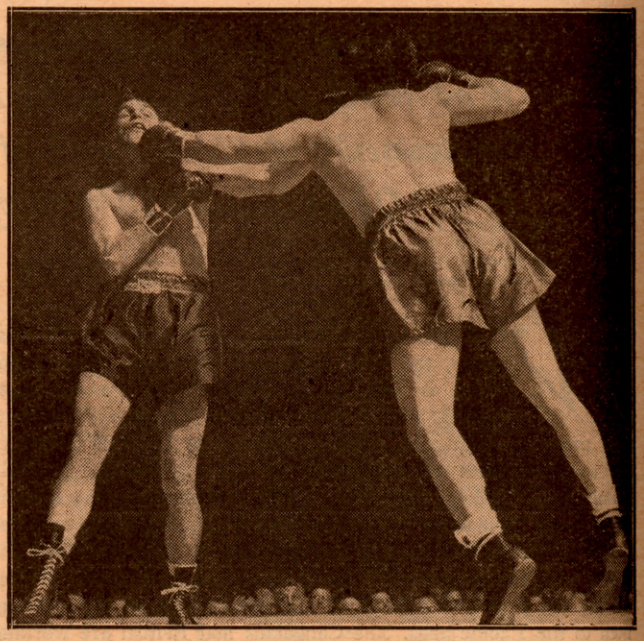
Mauriello Returns to the Fistic Spotlight

Flynn Gains High Place in Select Circle

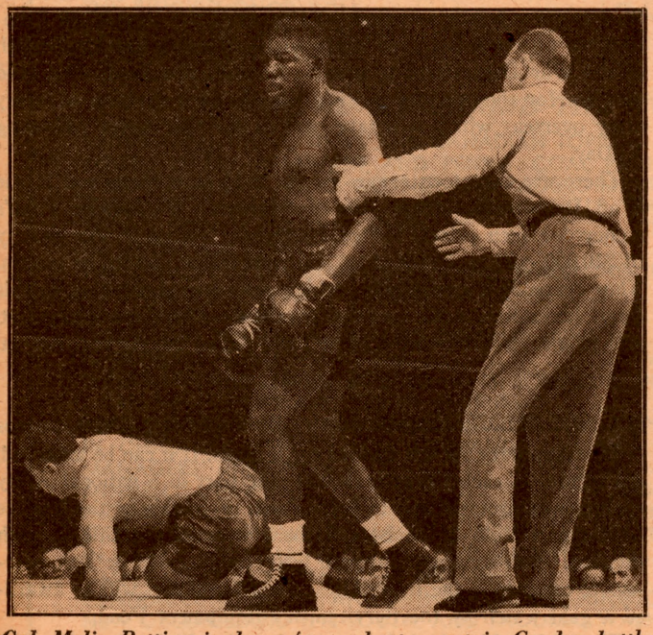
THE past few weeks have been weeks of upsets, with the underdog in most of the important contests coming through a victor. The defeat of Holman Williams by Cocoa Kid, Lee Oma by Tami Mauriello, Ike Williams by Willie Joyce, Joe Carter by Charley Burley, Lee Q. Murray by Johnny Flynn, and the knockout of Billy Arnold by Rocky Graziano and Walter Woods by Nate Bolden are only a few of the many surprises in recent contests. The period also will go down in the records of the year as one that was featured by big gates.

By far the biggest shock came with the one-sided defeat of Lee Oma by Mauriello, a contest in which the Detroiter found his opponent swarming all over him to score almost at will. It was a bout in which the fight fans had an opportunity to see what could be accomplished when one made a close study of the style of the opposition and employed a technique to overcome that style of fighting.

Tami did just that. In his training, for more than a fortnight he had sparring mates who worked against him just as he expected Oma to do when they faced each other in their Garden battle. Tami, when he faced Oma, met the situation perfectly. This time he didn't wait for Lee to use his tricky style and then move out



Here we see the style adopted by Tami Mauriello to offset the attack of his opponent, Lee Oma in Madison Square Garden mill. Tami often leaped into the air and crashed his left against Lee's jaw. Tami won the fight.



Cpl. Melio Bettina is down for a short count in Garden battle with Jimmy Bivins. The bout ended in a three-way decision for a draw.

of range of a counter attack. He sailed into Lee, gave him no chance to jab at long range, and often employed a leaping attack to get his man. Mauriello not only broke up Oma's attack but shattered his defense as well, and thus carried off a victory that brought Tami right back into the fistic spotlight, one of the Big Four for the outdoor season.

He came back from pugilistic oblivion to regain his place in the top rank and to earn a shot at Baksi, winner over Lou Nova, a bout that will be one of Mike Jacobs' Polo Grounds attractions. Tami switched from straight lefts, his usual attack, to looping rights and left hooks, and they landed frequently on his opponent's body. Oma's ribs and mid-section were targets for these blows throughout the fight.

The bout was of the ordinary variety in spots, but there was enough hard hitting to satisfy a gathering of 18,291 that paid $101,918.

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TO prepare for his outdoor attractions, Mike Jacobs also gave Lou Nova and Joe Baksi an opportunity to fight it out for a chance to tackle Mauriello, and he also put on Elmer Ray, the hard-hitting Negro from Hastings, Fla., who is being shunted aside by the rest of the topnotchers. Elmer tackled Shamus O'Brien, game Tampa, Fla., scrapper, and stopped him in 2:41 of the fifth round, but failed to show to advantage. He didn't live up to the reputation he gained as a powerful hitter.

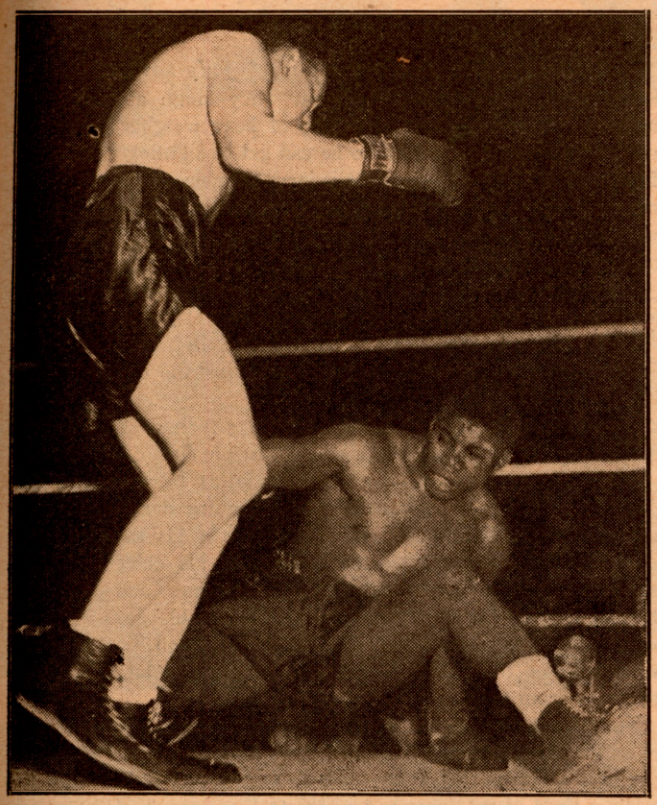
In the Nova-Baksi battle, Lou did well until the sixth round. It was anyone's fight up to that point, and then Nova, the veteran who had come back from retirement, tired to such an extent that his blows lacked steam and his stamina failed him, thus enabling his opponent to come through with a one-sided verdict. Ruby Goldstein, the Camp Shanks soldier who refereed and did a splendid job, scored the bout five to three for Baksi with two even. Judge Forbes had it seven to two for Baksi with one even, and Judge Cohen's score was six to three and one even. My card showed seven to three for Baksi in rounds, and thirteen points to seven for Baksi on the point-scoring system now employed by the New York State Commission.

The only knockdown of the fight was scored by the winner,

who dropped Lou for a count of nine in the fourth session. There was considerable discussion in-re that knockdown, many declaring that a push and not a punch floored Nova. But it was the fist of Baksi that did the trick, and not the shove, as I saw it. A body barrage that wound up with a sharp left to the side put the Californian on the canvas. He came back fighting hard, but the licking he took early in that session didn't do him any good.

Baksi's aggressiveness and his harder hitting were responsible for his victory. A severe cut over the eye caused the claret to flow freely and for a time it appeared the bout might have to be stopped, but the referee ruled that it was not a dangerous wound and let the boys battle to the finish.

Nova, despite his age, can continue to make things tough for the lesser lights, but if he listened to his well wishers he would hang up his gloves before he becomes physically ruined. The fight game is too tough for him at this stage and he should realize it. Most of the 14,094 persons who paid $46,494 to see Lou in his comeback role, voiced that sentiment. Nova, when still fresh,



A scene in the tenth round of the fight in Cleveland between Johnny Flynn and Jimmy Bivins. Here we see Jimmy on the canvas in the tenth and final round of a grueling bout.

could dish it out, but once he tired and the gas ran low, there was no stopping Baksi.

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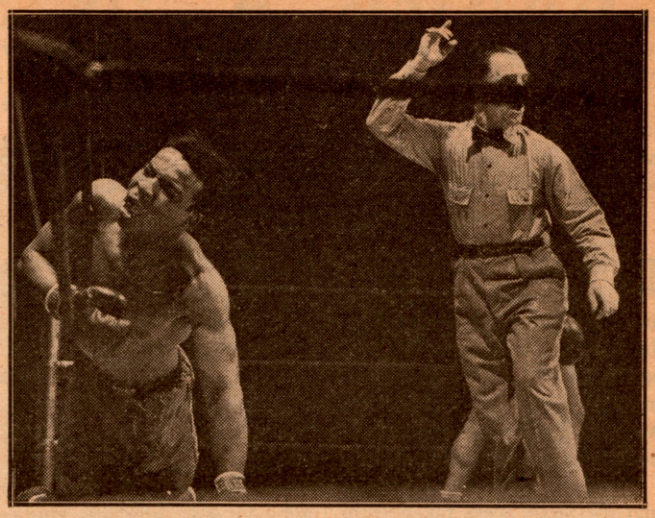
NOVA was a good fighter when he entered the pro field. At least, he was an excellent prospect, and after climbing up the fistic ladder, he succeeded to the goal of his ambition, a bout with the world champion in which he looked like a raw novice against a seasoned champ who knocked him cold with the first solid wallop landed after fooling away with Lou for several rounds.

The only time Nova was so sadly messed up with the claret flowing down his cheeks and onto his chest, as in the Baksi contest, was the night when Tony Galento stopped him, a battle in which the days of the Roman cestus were recalled. Everything went in that bout, and Nova took it like the courageous fellow he is. Thumbing, kneeing, wrestling, heeling, back-hand punching, elbowing—all were used by Galento against Nova that night, and Referee George Blake, one of the ablest officials in the country, let them carry on despite the protests of Nova's manager, Ray Carlin. That fight really ended the rise of the Californian, for he never amounted to much after that terrible beating. He continued to



One of the many times that Johnny Thomas went down in his thrilling battle with Billy Grant of Orange, N. J., on the Bivins-Bettina card. Grant stopped his man.

fight the cream of the heavies, but it became obvious that he never would go any farther than he was when he clashed with Two-Ton Tony.

Tall, handsome, college bred, the typical student fighter—that was Lou Nova when he started his career after winning the National A.A.U. heavyweight crown in Los Angeles and the international amateur heavyweight title at Paris. But it was a far different looking Lou who bowed to Baksi. Nova, now thirty, appearing against his seven years younger rival, looked like a man closer to forty. He has aged and he no longer is the spry collegian who made his debut in New York back in 1936. His legs are gone, so far as fast footwork is concerned. His gameness and perseverance are still with him, but they won't get him far in his comeback. Father Time has called and Lou should heed him and retire.

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PREVIOUS to the two heavyweight bouts discussed above, Mike Jacobs put on the contest between Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland and Cpl. Melio Bettina of Camp Shanks, a ten-rounder in which a weird decision of a draw was rendered. This bout, like the other heavyweight affairs, was staged in preparation for the outdoor program, and it turned out to be anything but a satisfactory mill. The decision was as bad as the fight itself, an ordinary contest that indicated the poor caliber of the top fighters now parading before the public. Bettina, one of the few service men who had been granted permission to don the gloves in commercial bouts, was far off form, and his opponent, discharged from the Army a few months ago, was equally bad. They mauled, wrestled and clinched most of the ten rounds, and when they did fight, Bivins' blows did the damage. On one occasion he had Bettina on Queer Street.

Every now and then they cut loose, but the fighting didn't last long. The voting of the officials was as bad as the fighting of the contests. Three men saw the fight differently and by so wide a margin as to arouse the ire of Colonel Eagan, chairman of the boxing board. Arthur Donovan, who of late has had his off days, voted for Bettina, six to four, and he was one of the few among the 15,090 spectators, who paid $70,390, to see the affair that way. Marty Monroe, New York's best judge, scored it eight to two for Bivins, the same as my card, and Judge Jack Gordon gave it five to five. Thus the bout ended in a mockery, whereas, based on the action, the aggressiveness and general superiority in what fighting was accomplished, Bivins should have gotten the award.

Bivins deserved the decision, despite his many misses. The greater portion of the actual fighting was done by the Negro. The bulk of the clinching was done by Bettina.

The bout shared with the Lee Q. Murray-Turkey Thompson contest of last year the honor of being the worst heavyweight mill staged in the Garden in recent months. There can be no doubt that Bettina needed a fight or two prior to tackling Bivins, but

being a soldier, he cannot expect to get time off for such bouts while his comrades in arms are prevented from engaging in any professional contests.

Bivins has yet to make a good fight in New York. While he rates high as a heavyweight battler in other sections of the country, where he invariably has demonstrated that he is an outstanding contender, somehow when he enters the Garden he seems jinxed.

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WHILE on the subject of heavyweights, let's not forget that Johnny Flynn, the Rochester, N. Y., boy, is coming along at a pace that should bring him out with the leaders this summer. Johnny, in his bout with Bivins in Cleveland, displayed all the earmarks of a first rate battler. He lost that contest by a small margin and he followed that with a splendid victory over Lee Q. Murray. Johnny has jumped into the top section of the best rated heavies and is ready to tackle the leaders.

The bout with Bivins was a thriller. Two rounds, the fourth and the tenth, were taken from Jimmy for low blows. A knockdown was scored by Bivins in the second when a roundhouse punch put Flynn on the canvas for a count of two, and with 37 seconds of the final round remaining, Bivins, trying for a kayo, staggered Johnny with a hard right and followed with a left that landed in the groin. Flynn sagged to the canvas and was in agony. The referee allowed him five minutes to recuperate and then the fight was resumed. In that session Bivins also hit the canvas.

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MIKE JACOBS, in an interview with the Associated Press, predicted that, regardless of the length of the war, a Louis-Conn heavyweight championship bout will gross $7,000,000. The Squire of Rumson, N. J., the nation's leading promoter, who passed his sixty-fifth birthday a few weeks ago, declared that he will have no difficulty selling his ringside seats, first eight rows, at $100 a throw, and with that as tops, his gross for attendance will be $2,000,000. Then, says Mike, "I will get $5,000,000 from television. The nation's leading theatres will contract for the use of television in the post-war era, and the fights that I shall stage will be on the screens of those theatres.

"Preliminary arrangements already have been made and all we are waiting for now is the war's end to complete matters and set our program in motion. Not only will we collect from the theatres, but from the television sets installed in homes. We will sell the rights and millions of people will see our championship fights instead of hearing them on the air."

What Jacobs predicts is not impossible. When THE RING carried the first story of a fight reported through television, a report by Johnny Sharpe, our British correspondent, from a seat in a theatre where the contest was visible on a screen, we told of the possibilities once television could be developed so that the fights could be screened on a wide area instead of within a radius of fifty miles, as was the case in that British bout, in which Eric Boon retained his lightweight title. Once the fights staged by Jacobs can be screened on television sets country-wide, there will be no limit to the receipts of a bout nor to the size of the crowds. Uncle Mike and his colleagues, who have spent a fortune in perfecting television during the past two years, are sitting pretty.

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WITH such money as Mike Jacobs, promoter for all of Joe Louis' fights, is certain he can obtain, it seems to me that the assertion of the Brown Bomber that he will retire after one more fight, a return engagement with Billy Conn, is far fetched. Some weeks ago, Sgt. Louis announced in an Associated Press interview that such would be the case, and twice more recently, once in Chicago and again in Montreal, Jolting Joe stood pat on his previous statement. Again he declared that there is nothing phony about such declaration and that he means every word of it.

Perhaps at this time Joe does mean it, but everything considered, it is not likely that he will adhere to it once he and Billy Conn are discharged from the Army and can go about their vocation—professional boxing. Two years ago, when Joe and Billy were matched and the War Department put the ban on the proposed bout, Joe declared that his reason for desiring to box Conn was because he was financially embarrassed. He declared that he owed Uncle Sam close to $117,000 and that he was indebted to Mike Jacobs for a sum close to $100,000. Uncle Mike backed Joe's claim, and he should know because Joe's accounting is done in Mike's office and Joe's legal advisor is Mike's advisor, Sol Strauss.

A few weeks ago, when Joe returned from Chicago with Mr. Strauss, following his appearance in court, where his wife was granted a divorce, I chanced to talk with the lawyer and learned through him that the Brown Bomber is far from being a wealthy man. Said Strauss:

"Whatever Joe owns is tied up. He has considerable real estate but can't do much with that right now. He owes Uncle Sam plenty on income tax and he cannot live on his sergeant's pay, hence is indebted plenty to Mike Jacobs. Joe can have anything he wants from Mike but it is only natural to presume that when the war is over, Joe will pay all his debts from the fortune he is sure to make fighting Conn and others."

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NEITHER Mike Jacobs nor any of Joe's advisors think as does Louis about retirement. They laugh at such statements in view of the mediocre crop of heavyweights in the field today and the sure-shot fortune he can get by fighting Conn. Even if he loses to Billy—which to me is inconceivable—a return engagement will net another million-dollar or more gate. Should Joe win, what easy picking he will have with such poor heavyweights as grace the first ten in our ratings today!

Louis, win or lose, could take any two of the present crop of contenders in one night and knock each out.

Think of Oma, Bivins, Mauriello, Baksi, Bettina, Ray, Flynn, Scott, Nova standing up for ten rounds against the Bomber! What a fat chance!

I wouldn't give anyone in that lot more than five rounds tops against Joe with the champ being in proper physical condition.

If the Brown Bomber weren't as human as I believe he is and cherished a fortune easily made without much danger of bodily injury, then I might place some credence in his avowed desire to retire. But with Uncle Mike Jacobs as his chief advisor—a man who talks in thousands, gloats in fortunes, and dabbles in them—there isn't a chance for Joe to stick to his guns so far as proposed retirement is concerned. There is too much at stake and Mike will see to it that neither he nor Joe will let such dough get away from them.

No, I don't think Joe is spoofing when he keeps reiterating that he will retire after one more fight. He really believes it. He would like it to be true.

He is tired of the sport and wants to live normally, like others, and enjoy the freedom that belongs to one who is not always in the public eye. But fate is against it.

Like Jack Dempsey, he'll continue to battle in the ring until he is thoroughly whipped or will be forced to realize, as did Dempsey, that his fighting days are over and retirement is the safest way out. Until then, Joe Louis will be the world's greatest fistic attraction, regardless of his personal wishes.

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CALIFORNIA continues to be the hotbed of poor decisions. Still another referee has been suspended for failure to render a verdict based on the record shown on his card. One official was suspended because he lost his score card and therefore couldn't justify his verdict. The other tried to justify his decision verbally but unfortunately had failed to register the fouls for which he said he had penalized the loser who, in the opinion of the spectators, had won the fight by a safe margin. Four bouts in nine days were declared "no contest"!

But we must not condemn California officials too harshly, because in New York, the leader in boxing, many weird verdicts have been rendered recently, the worst being in the Bettina-Bivins fight, which was called a draw. A few days after that, a "stinkeroo" took place at a *(Continued on page 38)*

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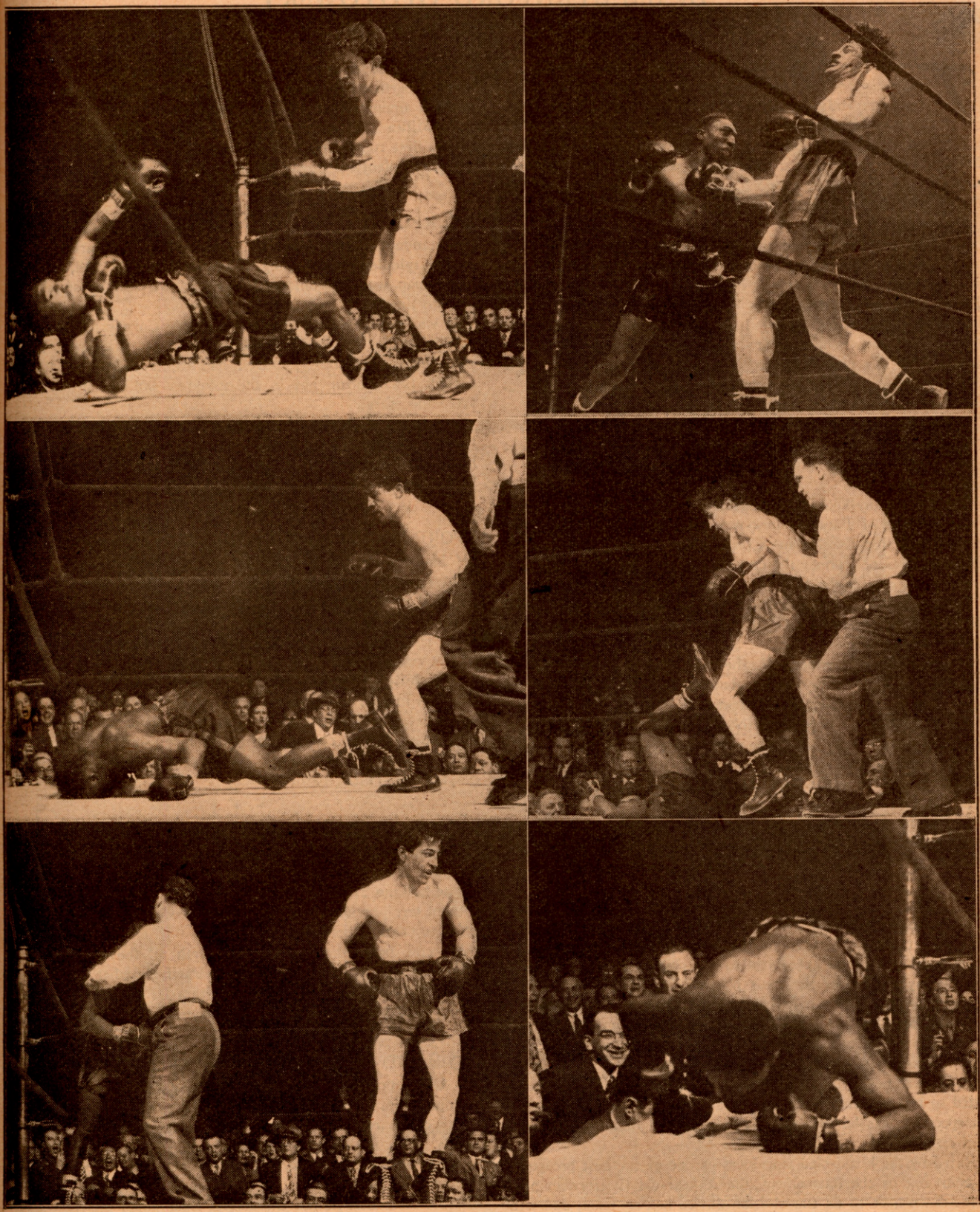

Rocky Graziano, facing defeat, turns tables on Billy Arnold and halts the Philadelphia K.O. artist in three rounds in Madison Square Garden. This page of photographs shows the progress of the bout. Upper left: Arnold half way over the ropes after he was hit with a staggering right to the jaw in the third round. Right: Arnold follows up an attack in the second round that had Rocky dizzy and apparently on the road to ruin. Center left: As Arnold hit the deck for the second time with his head crashing against the canvas, Graziano stood for a moment, ready for the kill. Right: Another view of that knockdown as Arnold turned and fell under the ropes onto the apron of the ring.

Lower right: The third and final knockdown. Left: Referee Fullam intervenes and saves Arnold from further punishment by halting the bout, one of the most thrilling of the year. 14,057 persons paid $50,000 to see the mill. Rocky gave an example of the killer instinct such as has seldom been seen in a Garden mill.

The Fighting Leathernecks

By S/S STANFORD OPOTOWSKY

(Marine Corps Combat Correspondent)

TWO Los Angeles boys have snared championships in the Second Marine Division boxing tournament which was recently completed. One is big, barrel built Francisco (Pancho) de la Cruz, an infantry corporal and the other was dark, moustached Private First Class Raymond S. Moody. The tourney was a tremendous success with the interest at high pitch from gong to gong. Thousands of Marines enjoyed the fighting, this time with gloves instead of hand grenades, guns, bayonets and knives.

In slamming his way to the heavyweight crown, de la Cruz merely retained the honors he originally gained in Hawaii in the division tournament which was held prior to the Saipan and the Tinian campaigns.

His burly 225-pound frame looks as though it would be an easy target for a man with any semblance of speed. But action in the ring has proven differently. With a shifty, unorthodox stance, de la Cruz shuffles around the ring, whipping out occasional left jabs until he can find an opening.

Then—bang!

The howitzer right hook goes slamming out, and the opponent goes down. There's hardly ever a variation from this procedure in a de la Cruz fight.

There are many khaki-clad ringsiders in the Pacific who cherish great illusions of Pancho's post-war professional victories. They can't forget that the Marine Corps, after the last World War, produced in Gene Tunney the only modern heavyweight champion ever to retire with the title.

But calling de la Cruz another Tunney is perhaps premature. Right now he's more of a Galento in style. His stock in trade is power, not polish.

Pancho is no greenhorn in the ring, though. He won the California C.C.C. heavyweight championship in 1939 and the heavyweight championship of Mexico in 1941. Since he's been in the Marines, he's kept at it, too—launching his Pacific career aboard ship two years ago when he won seven fights en route to his first overseas station.

He is a veteran of Tarawa, Saipan, and Tinian.

Moody, the other Los Angeles native champ in the Second Division, is a speedy, shifty senior welterweight. In earning seven straight victories in the division tournament, he showed an indefatigable left jab and, upon occasion, a slamming right.

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SLIM, blond Private First Class Melvin E. Scholine of Modesto, Calif., coasted his way to the welterweight novice boxing championship. A total greenhorn to the ring, Scholine nevertheless displayed some of the most polished boxing in the division tournament. His shifty footwork had the mark of a veteran professional, and he instinctively knew when to come out of the bob-and-weave to toss his Sunday punch.

Scholine won seven fights in as many starts as he snared his title. He was never in any particular trouble after the first round. Hard to hit, he could pounce upon an opponent with gusto—but his specialty was boxing not slugging, and all of his bouts were won on points.

Rated by the khaki-clad ringsiders as one of the best prospects to come out of the tournament, the 20-year-old Californian now holds down a berth on the division novice boxing team, and will meet other Pacific combat units in future competition.

He has been overseas for five months.

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ERNEST W. McMILLIN, of Abilene, Tex., annexed the senior middleweight boxing championship. The 167-pound Texan whisked his way through six victories in seven starts in the division tourney, and now he holds down a berth on the novice team. He'll participate in future competition against other Pacific combat units.

McMillin is a fast starter, one who gets his opponent backing in the first round and then continually follows up his advantage. He packs plenty of power in his right hook, too.

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CORPORAL FRED O. JAMISON, of Cincinnati, O., a standout all the way, has won the Second Marine Division novice middleweight boxing championship. The tall, blond infantryman won 11 bouts and lost but two and he smashed his way to the title.

It was a rousing revenge victory over Corporal Faye O'Dell, of Springdale, Ark., which gave Jamison the title in the tournament finals. Previously, O'Dell had capitalized on a fast start to lick the Ohioan, but in the rematch Jamison held his own from the outset.

A veteran of 13 months overseas, during which he fought in the Saipan and Tinian battles, Jamison packs a powerful right hook which he uses often during a fight. But despite the power, he has won his fights by outboxing his opponent.

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CORPORAL LOUIS S. LEONETTI, of Chicago, Ill., punched his way to the lightweight boxing championship. Leonetti went into the competition with a decided edge over the rest of the field in the experience department. Prior to his enlistment in 1942, he took the C.Y.O., A.A.U., and Chicago Parks championships. He boasts a civilian record of 155 fights, with only 19 losses. In the victory column, he claims 79 kayoes.

The shifty Chicagoan smashed his way through seven straight victories in snaring the Second Division crown. He now stacks up as one of the strongest links of the division team which will meet other Pacific combat units in competition.

A veteran of 14 months overseas, Leonetti fought in the Saipan and Tinian battles.

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HIRAM D. OXLEY, JR., of Flint, Mich., had little trouble winning the novice heavyweight boxing championship.

The hulking 215-pounder, who went into the recent tournament without any previous ring experience, needed only two victorious bouts to capture the crown.

He now holds the heavyweight berth on the division novice team, and will compete against other Pacific combat units.

Oxley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram D. Oxley, Sr., of Flint. He enlisted last March 25 and has been overseas five months.

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH SPER, of Cleveland, Ohio, pounded his way to the light-heavyweight boxing championship. Sper went in to the Leatherneck competition with plenty of experience and he used it to good advantage in completely outclassing the light-heavy field. A veteran of four years of amateur boxing before his enlistment in January, 1944, the Ohioan was runner-up in the Cleveland Golden Gloves tourney in 1937. Now that he has the crown, Sper holds the light-heavyweight post on the division boxing team and will participate in team boxing against other Pacific combat units.

A heavy puncher, Sper needed only two victories to take the title in his weight class. He was easily the superior man all the way.

Sper has been overseas for seven months, and fought in the battle for Tinian last August.

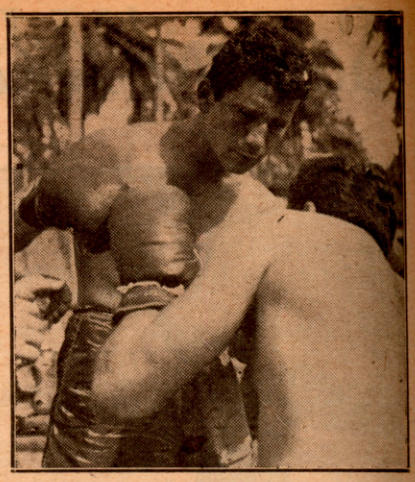
Second Marine Division Champs

Top row, left to right: Cpl. Fred O. Jamison, novice middleweight victor; Francisco (Pancho) de la Cruz, infantry corporal, heavyweight winner. Pfc. Ernest W. McMillan, senior middleweight champ. Middle row, left to right: Pfc. Melvin E. Scholine, novice welter king; Pfc. Hiram D. Oxley, Jr., novice heavyweight winner; Cpl. Robert J. Grant, novice feather title holder. Bottom row, left to right: Col. Louis S. Leonetti, lightweight king; Pfc. Raymond S. Moody, senior welterweight and Pfc. Joseph Sper, light-heavyweight champion.

GLOVE CONTESTS KEEP MARINES IN TRIM for JAPS

By CPL. JIM GALLOWAY

(Marine Combat Photographer, Somewhere in the Pacific)



Captain Sloan N. "Jimmie" Diaz and Pvt. Margarito J. Razo, in a tune-up tussle.

FIRST MARINE DIVISION LEATHERNECKS spend much of their spare time fighting one another, when the Japs run out, just to keep in practice. When Marine meets Marine, the Marquis de Queensberry rules are observed. But they cannot depend on the Japs to remember regulations of any kind, the Marines have learned. When it comes to the "Nips" everything goes.

Many of the Marines have found that the strenuous training program that was set up between Marine actions, such as at Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and Peleliu, and the "rest" period that followed the Palau invasion, wasn't enough exercise for them. So they turned to boxing. It is the outstanding form of recreation in the Pacific. Captain Sloan M. "Jimmie" Diaz, 38-year-old career Marine, is coaching the Division Service and Supply Company team. Marine Corps Lightweight Champion in 1928, 1929 and 1930, he has followed the ring closely during his Leatherneck years and likes to help break new youngsters into the game.

The Supply and Service team of fifteen men includes the holder of the Division Lightweight belt and the Junior Middleweight title, as well as two strong contenders for the Featherweight crown.

"The boys catch on to the sport rather quickly," Captain Diaz says, "although several had valuable experience before entering the Marines."

In the South Pacific, there are no indoor boxing arenas. When it rains, the show goes on and the customers and the fighters have learned to think nothing of it. Often boxing matches precede the outdoor movie program, so many Marines never before interested in boxing as a sport come early and see both shows.

Rounds are usually limited to three, and therefore are fast and furious.

"Boxing is a good way to keep the boys ready for the next meeting with the Japs," Diaz summarizes.

In the photo accompanying this story, the Marines are seen getting a few pointers on how to "deck" their foes—either Japs or Marines, from Captain Diaz and enlisted Marine Trainer, Pvt. Margarito J. Razo (right). Private Razo, who is 23 years old and lives in San Diego, Calif., helps Captain Diaz. Razo never lost a decision in forty fights prior to joining the Marine Corps. He scored two knockouts in Mexico City over Rorro Silva, who held the Mexico City lightweight title. Under guidance of Grady Skelton of San Diego, and fighting under the name of "Baby Razo," the Marine Trainer was chosen by THE RING Magazine as one of the nation's ten leading contenders for the national championship in 1941.

In the accompanying group photo are the following: Behind Captain Diaz (tip of head showing) is Lieutenant Mark M. Corinoff, 32, assistant coach to Captain Diaz. Lieutenant Corinoff lives in Boston, Mass.

First row, kneeling (left to right): Private First Class Carmen F. Macioce, 19, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Macioce is a newcomer to the sport. Sergeant Willis E. Adams, 22, of Bogalusa, La. He fought 25 bouts in Louisiana and won 23. He won the State Middleweight Championship in the State High School tournament of 1939-40. Later he fought under the management of Red O'Bannion, of Pine Prayer, La., a former National Intercollegiate welterweight title holder. Private First Class Paul L. Becnel, 20, New Orleans, La. Becnel has won each of his first three First Marine Division fights. His next bout is for the Division featherweight title. Corporal Nicholas Tzannes, 23, of Watertown, Mass., is a veteran of Cape Gloucester and Peleliu fighting. Tzannes has been overseas eighteen months. He took up boxing after joining the Division. Then we see Seaman First Class Robert R. Zatarian, 18, of Los Angeles, Calif., who holds the Division Junior Middleweight title as the climax of four Marine fights,

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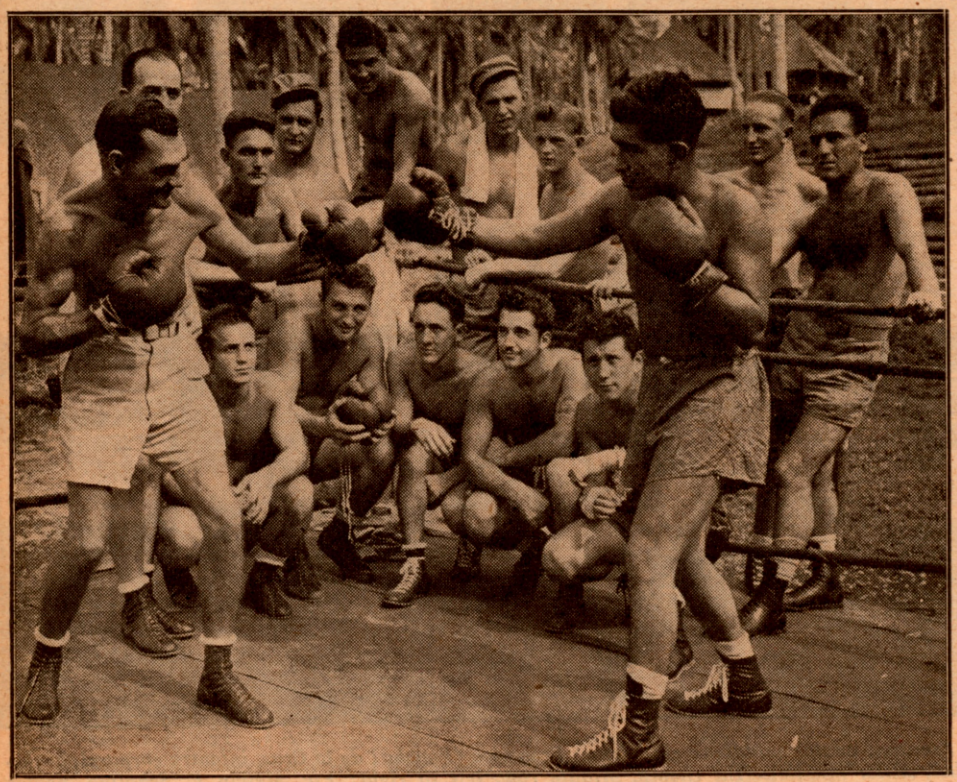


Keeping in trim to retain his title as Division Welterweight Champ, Seaman First Class Robert R. Zatarian, of Los Angeles, California, warms up with a sparring partner Somewhere in the Pacific. He is now serving with the First Marine Division.

Pvt. Owen Smith Wins AMET Title

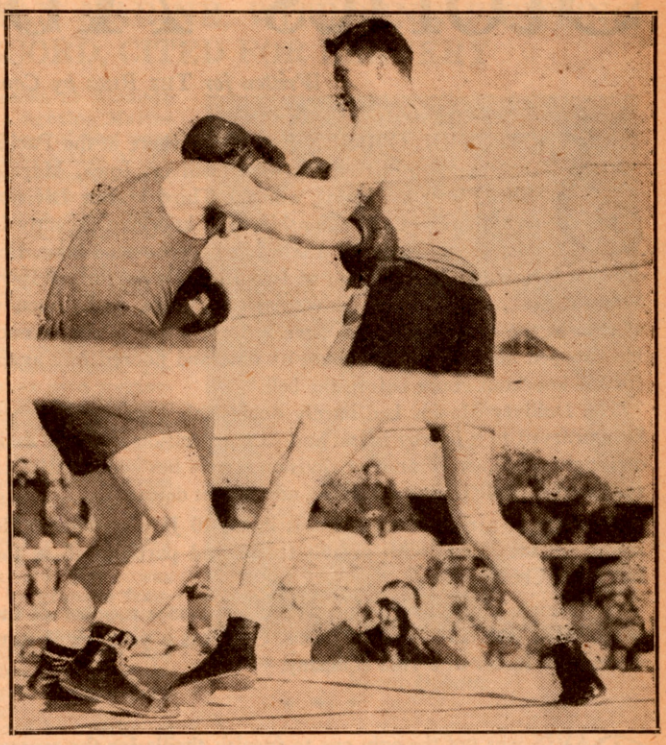
A BROKEN hand would provide most boxers with a perfect excuse to stop training and take life as it comes but not so with Pvt. Owen Smith of San Angelo, Texas, most polished ringman of Payne Field in the African Middle East Theater (AMET). He's the man who recently defeated the Palestine British Police titleholder in a match at Cairo, Egypt, and who later won the light-heavyweight crown at the Persian Gulf Service Command Tournament.

Smith is the son of a Texas rancher, and has had a total of 20 fights. He has been in the Army 30 months, five of them overseas. At Payne Field in Egypt, he is assigned to radio maintenance.

In the battle with the British Police titleholder, Sgt. George Cable, "Smitty" forced the fighting and floored his opponent in the first round. The 31-year-old Cable is clever and rugged but the American Army puncher outgeneraled him.

When he knocked Cable down in the first, Smith broke his left thumb. The digit has been in a cast since and Smith has had to forego several appearances before British fans who gave him an ovation at the Abbassia Barracks ring and clamored for return engagements.

Smith is 22, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, and weighs 170 pounds. He's easy going and pleasant until he climbs through the ropes. Then he becomes very serious and business like. THE RING Magazine sent to him by his father, keeps him in touch with ring matters at home.

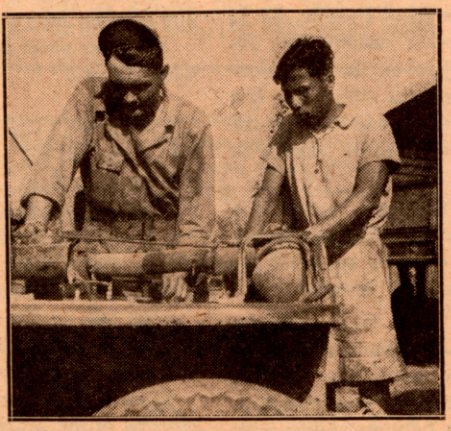


Pvt. Owen Smith of San Angelo, Texas (right), winner of the light-heavyweight crown in Persian Gulf Command tourney.

Hall, Mid-Western Mat Champ in China

ONCE a contender for the world's wrestling title and formerly the middleweight wrestling champion of the West, M/Sgt. Gillen A. Hall of Independence, Missouri, is now stationed at the China-Burma-India base in charge of the Motor Pool. Sgt. Hall started his wrestling career in Y.M.C.A.'s when only 17 years old. His coach was the great Farmer Burns, a master in his profession and the greatest teacher of wrestling in the world. Under Burns' tutelage Hall learned every trick of the trade and became proficient in the art of grappling. In his first year of amateur competition in 1921, he won the middleweight wrestling championship, and remained undefeated until he turned pro in 1926.

As a professional wrestler he participated in more than 1000 exhibition matches. The only permanent scar remaining from this bruising game is a "cute" cauliflower on his left ear. Hall retains his well developed physique at the age of 40, and can still tussle or grunt 'n' groan with the best.



M/Sgt. Gillen A. Hall of Independence, Mo., famous pro wrestler now in India. Here he is seen at work on an engine. He is in the motor pool.

Sgt. Hall won the Mid-West professional middleweight wrestling crown in 1928. He remained undefeated until 1931, losing the title to Billy De Wolfe. He wrestled for the Johnny Hatfield and Cage Kaufman troupes throughout the West, during his 12 years of "burping." He clashed with such leading wrestlers as Jim Londos, Ed "Strangler" Lewis, John Gudiski, Charles "Midget" Fischer, Jumping Joe Savoldi, Everett Marshall, the Dusek brothers and many other noted groaners.

M/Sgt. Hall has had 22 months overseas service in India. He has definitely retired from wrestling. A well paying position is waiting for him at the Union Pacific Bus Company in Kansas City at the completion of the war.

Hall is married and his home address is in Independence, Missouri. He is one of many professional wrestlers of note who are in uniform. The most notable being Bobby Bruns and Ed Don George, who are officers in the Navy, and Lieut. Paul Boesch, international wrestler of fame, who recently was decorated for extraordinary valor on the battlefield in France. Lieut. Boesch has taken part in the recent drive toward Berlin.

Glove Contests

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three of which were victories. He formerly fought with the James J. Jeffries "barn" at Burbank, Calif.

Standing, rear (left to right) are: Private Frank D. Swain, 23, of Manhattan, Kan. He was runner-up for the Division Featherweight title. Private Swain and his wife have two small daughters. Private First Class Ray J. Buidens of Chicago won seven bouts prior to entering the Marine Corps.

Coxswain Pat Miramontes, 22, of the Navy, who serves with the Division, holds the Lightweight Championship. He hasn't lost a bout in six contests in the Corps. Prior to entering the service, he fought in San Diego and National City, Calif., and in Mexico City. He obtained a K.O. over Manuel Valdez in the fourth round of a match at National City, and topped Lupe Gobi and Buddy Mann at the Coliseum at San Diego, in 1943. Private First Class Edward L. Karko, former Golden Glover of Chicago, is the son of John Karko of Chicago, Ill. He joined the Division in January of 1945. Private Stewart H. Watts of Plaquemine, La., is a contender for the Division Flyweight crown. Corporal Fletcher E. d'Orsay, 21, of Monahano, Tex., is a newcomer in the ring. He enlisted in the Marine Corps, December 3, 1942. Private Fred P. Lomberto, 25, of Franklin, Mass., has two sons. Lomberto boxed more than five years ago under Bill Perry's instruction in Franklin and is now attempting a comeback in the Marine Corps.

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Stories About Marines

Written for THE RING *by Combat Correspondents of the U.S.M.C.*

SGT. CYRIL O'BRIEN from Somewhere in the Pacific writes: A nineteen-year-old Dolliver, Iowa, Marine, Pfc. Elmer W. Davis, won the Third Marine Division middleweight championship by a knockout recently in the second round of a scheduled three-round bout. His division is now battling the Japs at Iwo Jima. Davis, former Iowa State A.A.U., and Golden Gloves welter champ, easily won a margin in the first round, and came in for the kill in the second. He dropped his man for the count of nine and floored him again for the knockout count before the bell.

The Dolliver Marine had hardly dobbed his fistic crown when he journeyed to a nearby island and won a decision from the middleweight champion of another division. Davis has competed in 15 ring battles while overseas and has never been defeated.

Attached to a rifle platoon, Davis killed 10 Japs on Guam. He landed on the Island with assault troops and participated in the battle for Chonito Ridge.

A graduate of Dolliver High School, he was a member of the school basketball and baseball teams. Overseas a year, he is now a fire team leader in a rifle company.

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DAVIS was not the only one to furnish thrills for the several thousand Marines who attended the Third Division championship bouts. Pvt. Frank Marrone shared the honors by giving a superb exhibition in winning the welter title.

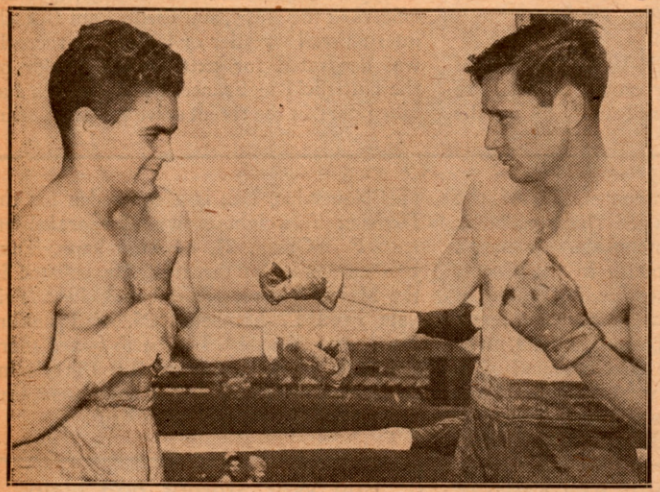
Marrone won his crown by using a lightning left hook, which he perfected while overseas. Marrone comes from Passaic, N. J., and is a former district Golden Gloves welter champ. The 20-year-old Marine, who lives at Booton, N. J., won the championship match from a heavier, more skillful opponent after three fast rounds. Hard-hitting for his weight, Marrone waded in for the kill in the second, and battered his opponent against the ropes with well-aimed hooks in the last.

Considered the best boxer in the division, the Jersey welter won four of his eight division tourney bouts by technical knockouts. Following his victory, he represented his division on a nearby island, twice defeating the welter champ of another division.

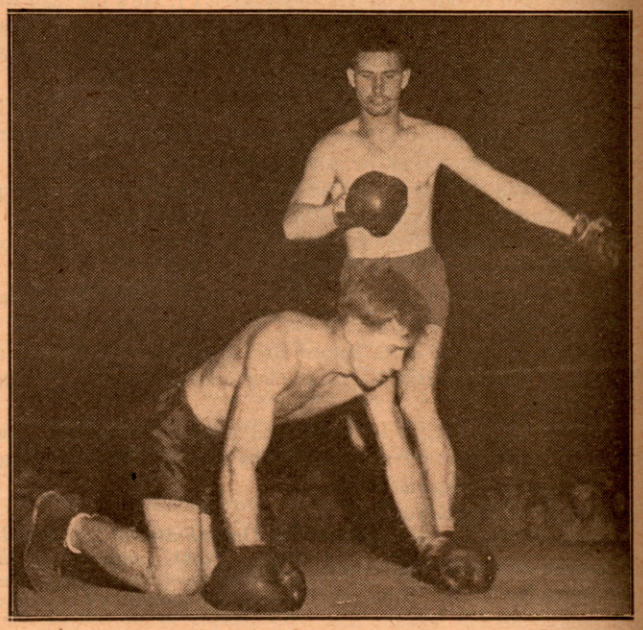
The Boonton Marine perfected his left hook by punching a sea bag filled with sand, which hung from a coconut tree. Hard working, Marrone often arises before reveille in order to complete his road work and bag punching before his regular Marine duties.

Overseas 15 months, Marrone has shown fighting ability with a rifle during the Bougainville and Guam campaigns. A member of an assault company on Guam, Marrone took part in the battle for Chonito Ridge there.

Marrone plans to return to the ring as a professional boxer after the war.



Pfc. Don Donagan (left) and Cpl. Robert S. Olliger, both of Detroit. They are members of the Marine Corps in the Central Pacific.



Marine Private First Class Elmer W. Davis stops his opponent in the middleweight championship fight of the Third Marine Division in the Pacific. He is a veteran of the Guam campaign.

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PFC. ATTILIO N. "ROXY" CASTALLANI, JR., 18, of Luzerne, Pa., won the senior middleweight boxing championship in a decision over Cpl. Wilbur Pinegar of Des Moines, Ia. Castallani, weighing 161 pounds, forced the fight throughout, swinging haymakers and practically everything but his stool. Pinegar, at 159 pounds, countered with strong left hooks. Castallani was especially powerful in the clinches, hurting his opponent with vicious jabs to the mid-section.

Castallani entered the Marine Corps in March, 1944, and was shipped overseas last August.

Pinegar, a former Golden Glover and East High School fighter, enlisted in the Marines in December, 1942, and has been overseas since February, 1943. He participated in the Bougainville and Guam battles.

Castallani received a $100 war bond and wrist band as champion. Pinegar got a $50 bond.

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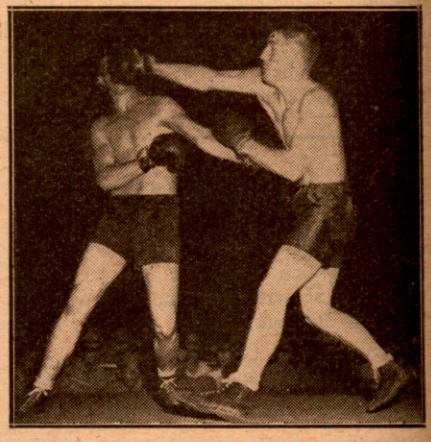
FROM Sgt. Edward B. Talty comes the following from Somewhere in the Pacific:

A veteran of 115 fights in seven years of professional boxing, Kid Francis had to go all the way to Guam to find out how it feels to be knocked cold. Kid Francis is Ma-



Marine Sgt. Gordon D. Hawkins, 22, American Fork, Utah, pounds a hard right to the face of his Leatherneck opponent. Hawkins recently captured the senior middleweight title of the Third Marine Division.

rine Pfc. Francis A. Lassor, 25, of Salmon Falls, N. H., who took an amphibious tractor ashore in the first wave to hit the beach at Guam.

The tractor struck a land mine and the explosion did what the top-notchers of the featherweight and lightweight divisions had failed to do—it knocked Kid Francis out.

When he recovered consciousness, Lassor saw another amphib rolling in with its driver unable to see or hear about 20 riflemen who were pinned down in his path by Jap fire. Lassor stood up on the catwalk of his blasted tractor and signaled the other vehicle to change its course.

"I must have made a swell target for a few minutes, but for some reason I didn't get hit," he said.

Before calling it a D-Day, Lassor and another Marine succeeded in knocking out a Jap pillbox with grenades.

Using Hartford, Conn., as his base of civilian operations, Lassor piled up a record of 113 victories out of 115 fights in arenas throughout the United States before enlisting November 6, 1942. He coached Leatherneck boxers at Parris Island, S. C., Dunedin, Fla., and Camp Lejeune, N. C., before going overseas to serve with the Third Marine Amphibious Corps.

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SOMEWHERE in the Central Pacific, writes Sgt. Bill Ross, more than 7,000 Marines witnessed the reunion of two former well-known Detroit amateur boxers who saw each other for the first time in more than two years, while participating in a ring show at a Marine base. They were Marine Cpl. Robert S. Olliger, 22, and Marine Pfc. Don Donagan, 21.

Donagan, who is the featherweight champion of the armed forces in the Central Pacific area, successfully defended his crown. He defeated a sailor in a three-round slugfest.

Olliger—known in Detroit boxing circles as "Bobby Watson"—scored a decisive, crowd-pleasing victory over a soldier. Donagan and Olliger were graduated together from McKenzie High School and received fistic tutoring from the same ring instructor.

Refereeing the fights was Navy Chief Petty Officer Fred Apostoli, former world's middleweight boxing champion and THE RING Magazine's "Boxing's Man of the Year in 1943."

Olliger, fighting in the 135-pound weight division, displayed a keen ring technique as he jabbed his way to victory. He is a veteran of more than 100 pre-war amateur bouts. Donagan faced a determined opponent, but had little trouble in gaining the verdict.

SIOUX INDIAN MARINE, WITH FINE FIGHTING RECORD, CITED FOR BRAVERY

THE Marine Barracks at Klamath Falls, Ore., has a fighting Marine in more than one sense of the word in Sioux Indian Johnny Gates of Ft. Yates, N. D., veteran of three Pacific campaigns against the Japs and some 106 squared-circle bouts with light-heavyweight punchers. A Leatherneck corporal, Gates is the headline attraction of that post's boxing stable and is taking on all comers in his section of the country who weigh about 160 pounds.

His Pacific combat record consists of the battles for Guadalcanal, Tarawa and the Marianas as a mortarman with the Second Marine Division. He was cited for bravery under fire during the first day on the beach at Saipan. Gates and a detail of Marines were unloading supplies from amtracs coming in, then reloading the craft with wounded men going out. They worked all day under Jap artillery fire, which was raking the beach.

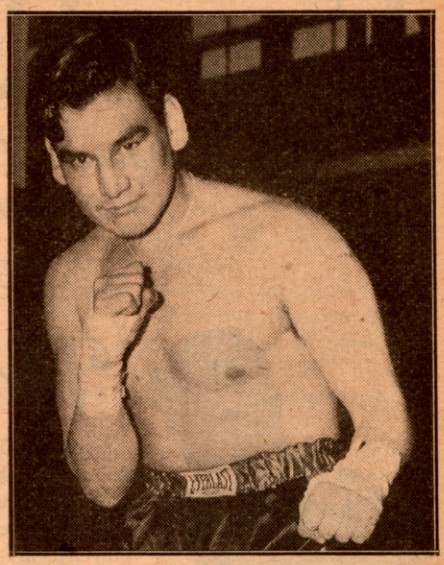
Later the 25-year-old Sioux was wounded in the leg by grenade fragments. He didn't consider his wounds serious enough to warrant medical attention or withdrawal from the front lines. Then a few days after the Tinian campaign began, he came down with blood poisoning.

His pugilistic record is equally as impressive as his combat experience—98 wins in 106 fights without ever being kayoed.

Gates started boxing in Sioux City, Ia., and won the Midwestern A.A.U. light-heavy title there in 1939. Following that, he copped the Missouri Valley A.A.U. title at Kansas City in 1940 and the Northwestern A.A.U. light-heavy crown at Minneapolis the next year.

A few months after the war broke out, he enlisted and went overseas in October, 1942. While in the Pacific, the stocky Indian didn't do much ring fighting and his weight zoomed to over 190.

Back in the States, he has trimmed down to a normal 163 and has kept active against other service boxers.



Marine Corporal Johnny Gates of Ft. Yates, North Dakota.

The "Irish Hand Grenade"

TIMOTHY "BUDDY" HAYES, Boston's featherweight sensation, is a "chip off the old block." Buddy, known as the "Irish Hand Grenade," is 18 years old and has been fighting but three months. Young Hayes was born and brought up on Shawmut Avenue, in the South End of Boston, which was made famous back in the gay nineties when John L. Sullivan, who was then the heavyweight champion, lived in the same neighborhood on the same avenue.

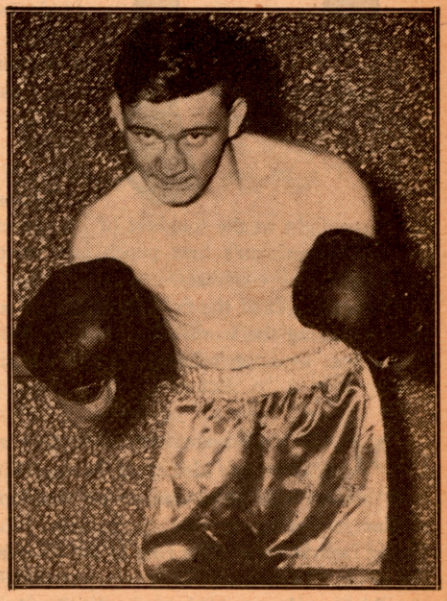
Joe Dow, who manages Hayes, tells a strange tale of how he discovered this fighting Irishman.

Joe stopped off in the South End one day and came upon a crowd gathered to watch a street brawl on the avenue. Young Hayes, who won the street fight by a kayo, looked so good that Dow took him in tow.

Buddy, who has never had amateur experience, has had 12 fights in three months, all against professional opponents, and has defeated New England's best 126-pounders, including Eddie Rieddy, Vinnie Vasso, Tommy Riordan, former amateur featherweight champion, and Clem Crowley. He kayoed Dave Butler in three rounds, "Red" Mills in two, Benny Revere in one, Freddie Gilbo in three, and in his last appearance at Worcester he stopped Georgie Butler in the fourth round of an eight-round feature bout that drew a $2,000 gate. Worcester hasn't drawn much over $1,500.

Buddy takes after his late uncle, Jerry Hayes, who, back in the "roaring twenties," was known as the King of Boston's South End.

Since January up to press time, Buddy has engaged in eleven bouts, of which he won all but one. He was stopped by Bobby English in two rounds on January 22. He scored seven knockouts and won three bouts.

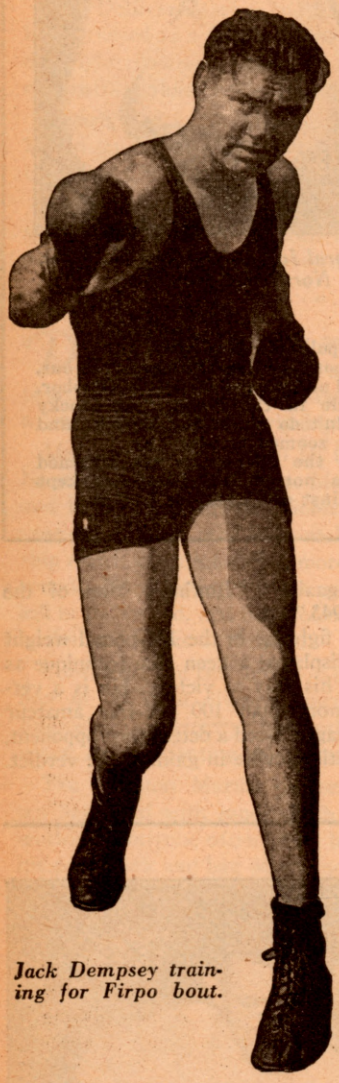


Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, Boston featherweight.

DEMPSEY'S TUMBLE TOP RING THRILL

Jack's Backward Flip Out of the Ring in First Round of Firpo Fight Made That the Most Dramatic

By DANIEL M. DANIEL



Jack Dempsey training for Firpo bout.

WATCHING Jack Dempsey wrest the heavyweight championship from Jess Willard in that sunbaked ring in Toledo was thrilling. Seeing Joe Louis batter Joe Schmeling and avenge his previous defeat by the German was a kick. But the thrill of thrills in so far as this writer's ring recollections are concerned came on the night of September 14, 1923, at the Polo Grounds in New York, where Dempsey stopped Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, in the second round, after the Argentinian had punched the American out of the ring in the first.

The Dempsey-Firpo battle lasted only 3 minutes, 57 seconds. But into that brief period were jammed more thrills than have been packed into several thousands of rounds of struggle by other heavyweights for the title now held by Louis.

A poll of the old timers of the ring unquestionably will establish the Dempsey-Firpo tussle as the most highly dramatic in their experiences. Nat Fleischer, publisher of THE RING, calls it his master thrill. So does Jim Dawson, boxing expert of the New York *Times*.

Dempsey himself designates the Firpo fight as the toughest of his career. "I was knocked out by the Argentinian's first punch and went right on fighting in my sleep," Jack confesses.

The high light of the fight in which a South American came so close to taking the world's heavyweight title for the first time of course was Dempsey's header out of the ring in the first round.

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MORE has been written about that incident than about any other in the history of boxing. More articles have been built around this pulse-quickening development than any other similar happening in title competition. Charley White knocked Benny Leonard out of the ring in Benton Harbor, in circumstances somewhat like those which enveloped the Firpo exploit. And yet, ring history shows nothing exactly like the trip which Jack took out of that ring. It was an historic boxing incident.

It was a righthander that drove Dempsey through the ropes, and almost cost him his title.

It was a righthander that spilled Dempsey out of the ring, on the downtown side. Sitting together in the first row of the press box, right under Dempsey as he came their way, were Jack Lawrence, Miss Jane Dixon, and Bill McGeehan.

Some accounts of the incident insist that Jack fell into Bunk Macbeth's typewriter.

However, it was the trusty portable of Mr. Lawrence that suffered under the impact of 192 pounds of hurtling human as Jack landed in that press box.

Lawrence heard Dempsey gasp an epithet and shout, "Help me back in there."

Ring legalists still insist that if Firpo had had a handler thoroughly conversant with the rules, and had refused to continue the fight on the ground that he had knocked Dempsey out—that Jack had been aided back into the ring after he had been stopped—Firpo would have argued himself into the heavyweight championship of the world.

However, let's not wonder what would have happened that night. Too much did happen.

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I DISCUSSED the fight with Dawson the other day and he said, "Dempsey got a terrific right on the shoulder blade when he was standing upright, without a crouch, for the first and perhaps the only time in his ring experience. I don't believe the punch itself hurt him. It was the impact. When he landed on Lawrence's typewriter he seemed to know exactly what was going on."

How does this jibe with Dempsey's own version of the backward flop out of the ring?

"First let me say that Lawrence's grabbing me to help me back into the ring did not assist me," Dempsey says.

"I know the writers meant well, but they hindered me. I was able to navigate and knew what I was doing.

"Firpo backed me to the ropes and was lashing away at me with both hands. I was trapped. I was trying to get back into the center of the ring, where I could let him have it.

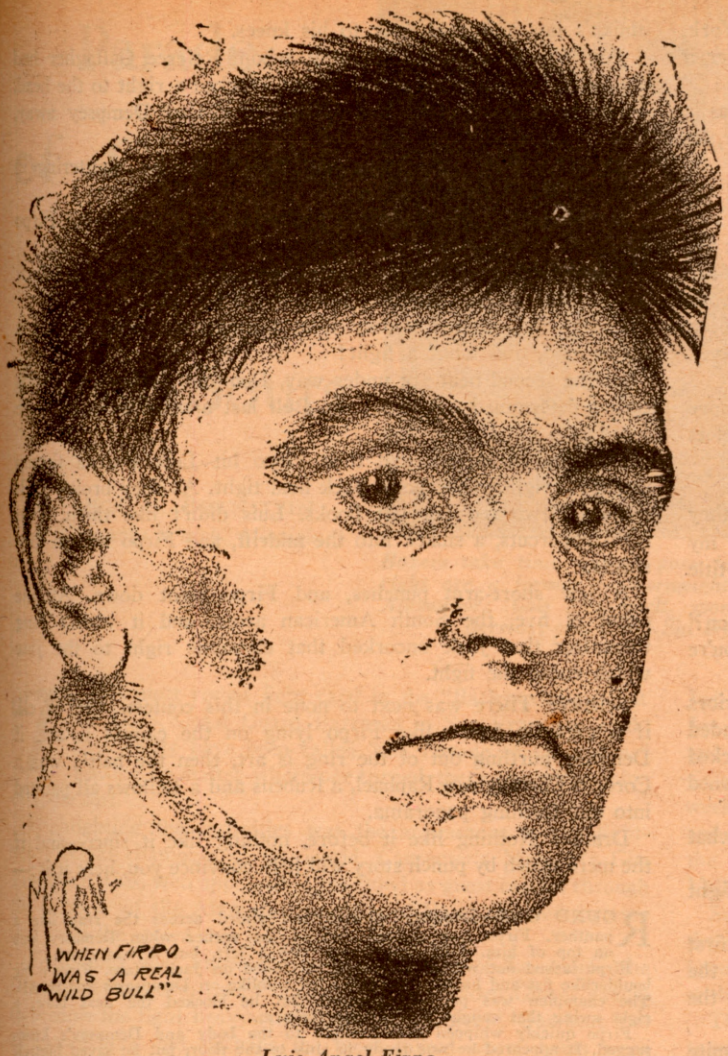
"He shot a left at me, and I ducked it. I ran right into one of his sweeping right swings, and out I went.

"I was twisting my body to get away, and my head was bent, right back against the ropes. That left me off balance, and a sucker for a flight out of the ring, when he belted me with the right swing.

"The upper part of my body went through the ropes, and my legs flew up into the air. You cannot realize how I felt. I grabbed at anything that came along, and punched one of the officials in the eye.

"If the press box had not been built much higher than is customary, I could have suffered serious injury. I might have broken my neck.

"As I toppled into a typewriter, I saw the referee dash to the ropes and standing over me, start counting. I knew I had to get back in there quick or lose the title. But try to rescue yourself from a comparable position with boxing gloves on your hands!



Luis Angel Firpo

Well, I just about made it. The count was nine when I returned to action.

"I said to myself, 'Jack, this was much too close for comfort. This hombre hits too hard and you can't take any more chances.' So I let him have it in the second."

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TO the writer, one of the most amazing occurrences marked Dempsey's return to the ring.

Firpo was waiting for him, and threw a left and a right to the chin. Jack looked groggy.

But just when it looked as if the title were about to change hands, Dempsey turned the tide with one punch.

Jack crashed one of his super rights to the heart. Firpo winced. Soon the round ended.

That blow was one of the hardest struck by the world champion in that battle of giants. The marvel of it all is that the Argentinian didn't go down and remain down when that punch struck. The thud could be heard around the ringside. Firpo's mouth opened wide as the fist crashed and momentarily he couldn't catch his breath. But, being in perfect physical condition, he quickly recovered.

About a year after the fight, Dempsey discussed it with the late Bob Edgren, cartoonist and ring expert of the old *Evening World*.

"Bob, I would like to tell you something from the inside," Dempsey revealed. "Firpo actually stopped me with his first punch. My head was knocked out, but my legs were alive. I fought the rest of the fight in a daze."

As a matter of fact, the punch to which Dempsey referred was Firpo's third, not his first.

Luis's first was a right to the face. His second was a left to the temple. Then he cut loose a right swing which Jack blocked with his arm.

Then Firpo whipped a right to the body, and Dempsey's knees sagged. That was the punch.

Jack's knees touched the canvas but he grabbed Firpo about the body and pulled himself erect.

Now Dempsey did something miraculous for a fighter who, as he insists, was out on his feet. He belted a left to the jaw and the tremendous man from the Argentine went down like a poled steer.

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IT was a terrific right to the jaw after 57 seconds of fighting in the second round that gave Firpo his quietus, and killed his title chances.

It was that first round, however, that furnished the classic touch. Before Firpo drove the Manassa Mauler out of the ring, he was knocked down seven times. Five times the referee, Johnny Gallagher, counted. Twice the Bull went to a knee and rose before Gallagher could say, "One."

Dempsey was knocked down twice and Firpo nine times —for a thrill total of eleven—in those 3 minutes, 57 seconds.

Dempsey says, "I went into the fight determined to win with one punch, if I could. The cheer that rang through the Polo Grounds when Joe Humphreys introduced me made me feel great. I said, 'Those people call on you as an American to knock this guy silly.'

"I remember that right at the start I cut loose with a left hook. Had it landed, the fight might have ended then and there. Though I will say that big guy could take it, and plenty.

"I missed that left hook, and then the grandstand hit me. Some of the reporters were charitable and said I slipped. I didn't slip. I was knocked silly.

"Next thing I knew, looking through a fog, I saw Firpo on the floor.

"I read the next day that I had knocked him down seven times. Well, you can't prove that by me, because I don't recollect anything about the first round except Doc Kearns' face, white, scared, as I sat in my corner after the first round. Doc gave me the smelling salts and said something about my having slipped. He meant I didn't have the old zing any more.

"Well, my head wasn't clear, but my instinct was operating. I said to myself, 'You let those cheers make a sucker out of you. You planned to let that guy miss and then let him have it. Well, go back to your plan—and don't let him hang around for any pictures because this man could stop you cold.'

"So in the second round I did what I should have done in the first place, and hung the old kayo on him.

"Funny, I don't remember having gone into any other fight so confident, so relaxed. On the afternoon of the contest I was walking down Riverside Drive, and I saw a lot of kids playing on the grass. I joined them. Now, if I had been tense, I never would have done that, would I?"

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THE rise of Luis Angel Firpo to the place of a contender for the heavyweight championship of the world is a story not only dramatic. It is downright fantastic. Perhaps the most fantastic in the entire history of the roped arena.

Almost out of nowhere came this big hulk of a man with primordial instincts—out of nowhere to clamber through the ropes with Dempsey that September night in 1923.

There were some 85,000 persons in the ball park, and the take was $1,200,000, of which Dempsey got approximately $450,000 and Firpo $150,000.

This was one of the golden fights of the Million Dollar Gate era developed by Tex Rickard.

Jimmy Walker talked about this fight only recently. He discussed an angle which hitherto had not been discussed. Jimmy

was the father of the boxing law in the state of New York. In 1923, this law was in its infancy. Every fight staged under it had some bearing on its continued life.

It seems that before the Dempsey-Firpo scrap, there was a report that it was not going to be on the up and up. However, let Walker tell about it:—

"I never have attended a fight in such fear as I watched the Dempsey-Firpo engagement. A few days before the fight I met Charley Murphy, of New York political fame, and he shook the Murphy finger at me with a warning, 'Senator Jim, there are a lot of folks gunning for you for having put through your boxing bill. I am told that this Dempsey-Firpo affair has been pre-arranged. I hope, for your sake, that it is on the level. Better watch out.'

"I got quite apprehensive, and decided to watch every move of the two fighters with the closest attention. I was out to detect larceny.

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"WELL, the two fighters climbed into the ring, and they looked honest enough to me. Then I felt a figure by my side. It was Jess Willard, from whom Dempsey had won the title in 1919, and who had fought Firpo.

"Willard said, 'Do you mind, sir, if I crouch alongside of you?' I replied, 'Jess, if you can squeeze in here by my side, you're welcome.'

"So Willard squeezed in, and then the bell rang and the warriors squared off. Dempsey missed with a left and then Firpo landed and Jack slipped down. Willard jumped to his feet and blocked my view. Jess shouted, 'I told Jack that man could hit. I warned him. I told him that man could punch.'

"Jess wouldn't sit down. In fact, he wouldn't even tell me what was happening. He just stood there and shouted.

"Well, sir, I want to confess that the Dempsey-Firpo fight was the only one I ever attended which I did not see.

"The contest lasted less than four minutes, but after the first knockdown, I saw nothing, and whatever I know about the contest I remember from having read about it in the papers the next day.

"Murphy never asked me about the fight because it was quite obvious even to the fiercest foes of boxing that no two fighters ever had been more earnest, or more desperately on the level."

The start of the fight was orthodox enough. The bell rang and Dempsey charged from his corner in the Dempsey manner. He was short with a left and grinned. Firpo took that right war club of his and let Jack have it in the face. Then Luis smote the Mauler on the left temple and before you could say Elmer Mickleweight, the Bull hauled off with a Pier One right to the body, and Dempsey looked like a dead pigeon.

Jack grabbed Firpo for all he was worth, and, on arising, smacked a left-hander to what the fancy calls the mush.

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FIRPO hit the canvas, but refused to take a count. Luis landed with right to the body and right to the jaw, and Dempsey was in trouble.

While the crowd was on its feet, shouting, screaming, gesticulating, Dempsey lashed a left uppercut to the Argentinian's jaw and Luis sank to his knees.

As Firpo was rising, Dempsey, whom Referee Gallagher had forgotten to send to a neutral corner, cracked a right to the head. Firpo went back again, and Gallagher chased Dempsey away, with a warning.

Up came Firpo, wild as a bull, fire in his eye, muttering in his choicest Argentinian lingo.

Dempsey replied with a right to the jaw, and down went Firpo again!

Luis once again disdained a count and after getting up, let Jack have it with rights and lefts. Imagine the bedlam!

It was then that Dempsey went through the ropes. What a first round, and what a fight!

As the second heat got under way, Dempsey dashed out of his corner determined not to let the Bull last another minute, if he could help it.

They boxed around and then Firpo hit Jack with a thump thumping right to the body. Jack held tight. As they broke, Jack uncorked two red hot left hooks. Luis didn't like them. Two right uppercuts, a smack into the midriff, and Firpo was in dire straits.

A few short-arm punches, and Firpo went down. At the count of five, the South American arose, and it wasn't long thereafter that Jack uncorked that climactic right to the jaw which ended the fight.

Science? There was next to none in this contest. Art? Well, if a gigantic figure like Firpo lying on the canvas is art, if Dempsey hurtling out of the ring is art, then the battle was a Corot, a Correggio, a Raphael, a Rubens and a Bellows all painted into one thrilling panorama.

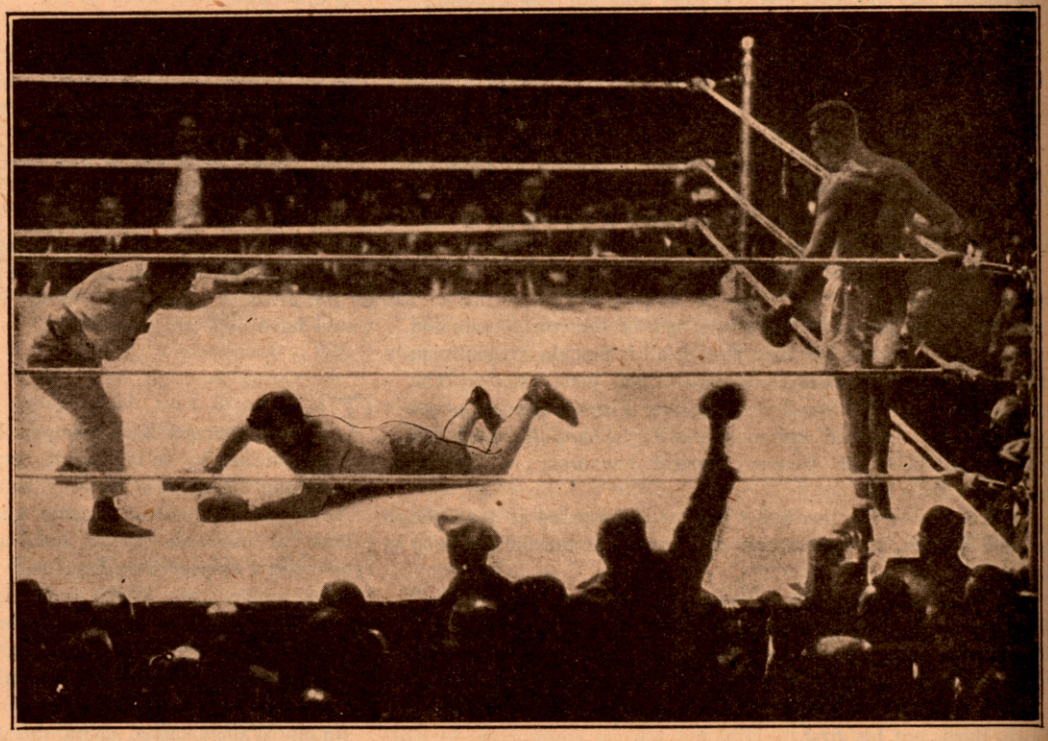
Drama? Nothing like it before, nothing like it since—and if the mere punch by punch story will help convince you, here it is:—

ROUND ONE—Dempsey whirled and glided across the ring like a panther. Firpo was scarcely out of his corner when Dempsey was on top of him. Jack lunged out with a left, but it was short.

Firpo lashed out with a right and it landed on Jack's face. Firpo's big boulderlike fist and hairy forearm landed clublike on Dempsey's left temple. The champion was partially stunned, but he blocked the next blow, a right swing that caught him on the forearm.

Firpo quickly whipped over a right to the body and Dempsey's knees sagged. It appeared he was ready to sink to the floor, but he saved himself by grasping Firpo's body and pulling himself to his feet. Dempsey's knees touched the canvas.

Dempsey arose and swung quickly into action. He hooked his left to Firpo's jaw. Down went Firpo. Luis disdained a count. He clambered to his feet, eyes blazing and rushed pell-mell into the champion. The Wild Bull crashed his right solidly to the body. Dempsey couldn't avoid it. Firpo shot his clublike right to the jaw and staggered *(Continued on page 38)*



The third knockdown in the opening round. Luis was floored seven times in this session and gave a display of extraordinary gameness.

Parade of Champs in Coast Guard Bouts

By Dick L. Bernstein
(The "Barracks Watch" Magazine)

Boxers take time out to pose for a picture. Starting second from the left, from left to right are a former featherweight boxer, now an Army corporal; Scott Chapman; James Alexander; Gus Lesnevich, world's light-heavyweight champion; Sammy Nagel; Frank Berrios; and Chief Ski Dynkowski, coach of the Treasure Island boxing team.

THE most recent fight card in the "Backyard Bowl" at the U. S. Coast Guard Barracks in San Francisco could have easily have been called "the Parade of Champions" because no matter where one turned, there was a champion of some sort.

Highlighting the festivities was the appearance of the light-heavyweight champion of the world, Carpenter's Mate 1/c Gus Lesnevich. Gus, who appeared in the Bowl as guest referee through the courtesy of the Alameda Coast Guard Base, received an ovation from the crowd that packed the bleachers.

Fistic fans well know the story book rise of Lesnevich, the Pittsburgh boy, who rose from a subnovice Golden Gloves champ to become the light heavyweight king of the world. Gus beat lots of topnotchers, but perhaps the most talked about bouts were his victories over such ring stars as Nathan Mann, Anton Christoforidis, Young Corbett and Freddie Steele. In 1941, Lesnevich slam-banged his way to the title by trouncing Tami Mauriello. He fought Billy Conn, the Pittsburgh Irishman, twice and dropped both nods on close decisions.

Top bout of the afternoon was a battle of champions between James Alexander (Treasure Island), holder of the A.A.U. Golden Gloves, and Diamond Belt welterweight crowns, and Sammy Nagel, former San Joaquin Valley champion. Alexander rallied in the last round to shade Nagel in three cantos.

Sailor Scott Chapman (Treasure Island), the 1944 Olympic light heavyweight titlist, was winning on points over Golden Gloves Novice champion Frank Berrios (Hamilton Field) when he walked into a dynamite-packed right cross tossed by the hard-hitting soldier. He got up almost immediately but lightning struck again in the form of another right cross and Chapman was sent to the canvas for a 10 count.

Receiving Station introduced a new Coast Guard heavyweight, Joe Shiry, who had just returned from a stint at sea duty. Big Joe was giving a good account of himself when he ran out of gas and got on the receiving end of a glove tossed by fast Julius Guinyard of the Naval Amm. Depot (Vallejo). The following week Shiry had his second bout against Bill Young (Mather Field) and copped a decision. Two other new faces, Georgie Small of the Coast Guard Receiving Station and Bobby Garay of the Volunteer Port Security Force, appeared on the program.

Small, a left hook artist, dropped a close one to Bob Burgess of the Naval Amm. Depot (Vallejo), while Garay, a bantamweight, brought the crowd to its feet time and time again in his bout with Leon Hudson (Vallejo). Hudson copped the duke.

Then Promoter Pat Englehart surprised everybody with a special event—a wrestling match—between two pro wrestlers, Carlos Ortiz and "Flash" Rogers. Ortiz and Rogers, both Navy bluejackets, delighted the crowd with their grunts, groans, grimaces and holds. The match was called a draw. Also on hand for the show was Frankie Carter, well known referee, who officiated as referee in some bouts and Lomax Study, well-known sports announcer, who said a few words, and announced the bouts.

Over at Alameda with Lesnevich is another well known heavy, Johnny Colan. Johnny, a twenty-four-year-old slugger, hails from New York City. He has a long list of knockouts to his credit, having stopped among others, Jay Paganelli, Johnny Amson, Jack Ballinger, Vic Hale, Tommy Houston, Georgie Costulis, Billy Connolly, Lou Villante, John Flores, Mike DeStephano, Ralph Tiovelli, Teddy Mogil, Joe Boscarino, Setty Terracino, Frankie McBride, Johnny Trotter, Steve Mamakos and Ernie Vigh. Johnny is very popular and still in A-1 physical condition.

Boxing in the Coast Guard has proven to be a success as a conditioner as well as a morale builder. Aboard ship, as well as on land, the Coast Guardsmen enjoy being in the fight.

Bobby Fields Coaches Army Boxing Prospects

PARATROOPER RUSSELL R. BOTTENFIELD, well known in the boxing ring as Bobby Fields, who lost a close decision to featherweight Chalky Wright in 1941, is making a come-back at 27. The former California featherweight, who had 69 amateur and pro-ring bouts with only one defeat to his record, is dividing his time between invasions and training boys for post-war ring titles Somewhere in Europe.

"That's my come-back," said Bottenfield, "training other boys to be champions. When I busted my hands and hurt my back against a stone wall coming in on D Day in Southern France, I made up my mind. I just rolled over in the grass and looked at my busted hands. 'Bobby,' I said, 'you're finished.'"

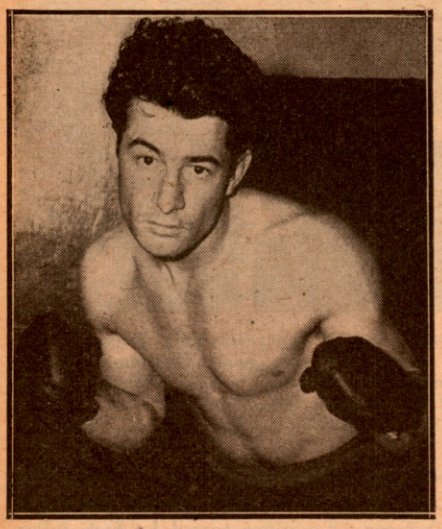
Bobby, who as a pro defeated among others, Canadian titleholder Henry Lensey in 1939; Harry Jeffra and Leo Rodak, looked down at his over-sized fists, and remarked, "If I can keep four of my prospects alive until the war's over, I'll give the sports scribes writer's cramp."

He was in Sicily, where he was cited by the French for his achievements with a parachute pathfinder group. He also fought in Italy, France and Belgium.

"In rest camp in Sicily I had five good prospects in the Parachute battalions," he continued. "One was killed in Southern France. The other four are still alive and good enough to box with any fighter from the Hollywood Bowl to the Garden."

Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT



Rocky Graziano, hard-hitting New Yorker, who scored a sensational victory in the Garden recently over Billy Arnold via the kayo route.

WHAT stood out more than his sensational 3-round kayo over Billy Arnold at Madison Square on March 9, and subsequently made Rocky Graziano one of the biggest ring attractions in the East, is the cool and competent manner in which he finished his dangerous Negro opponent when he clipped Billy on the "button" and had him in a groggy condition.

Known to be a reckless and rather wild type of fighter—one who loses his "noodle" in an emergency—Rocky displayed amazing calmness and deliberation in putting the finisher on his game rival. Watching the referee toll the count over the kneeling Philadelphian, Graziano waited in a neutral corner—anxious but patient—until Arnold rose at nine, after his first knockdown. Striding across the ring, while the referee wiped off Billy's gloves, Rocky measured the bewildered lad and crashed a terrific wallop to the jaw, following it with another as the Negro rocked and swayed.

Graziano clipped him again as he toppled to the canvas. By this time there was not a seated—or silent—person in the place. The din was terrific. Everyone was standing and shouting like mad. Billy struggled to his feet at the count of six. The tough East Sider, who had appeared weakened by Billy's sharp punches in the second heat—with the odds being that he wouldn't last another round—approached his befuddled foe with the soft-footed stride of a panther, the glint of a cold killer in his eyes and whipped over a paralyzing wallop to Arnold's chin.

As the Negro's knees buckled, Rocky crashed over another with his left and followed it with a right to the jaw. Every blow was delivered with the coolness, confidence and precision of a ring veteran. Graziano was no longer the apparently dazed and weakened scrapper. He was now full of vigor—a dynamo for action—a primitive killer, cool and calculating. Arnold went down like a felled log. Dead game, he stumbled to his feet, instinctively, at "seven." Rocky moved in, fists ready to blast explosive wallops off Billy's unprotected jaw.

Referee Frank Fullam, seeing that the Negro was in a helpless condition, called a halt to the battle—one of the most sensational and biggest ring upsets of 1945. The time was 1:54, in the third heat.

In his dressing room, after the contest, Rocky—showing not a mark of having gone through a grueling fight—disclosed the fact that he was unhurt throughout the entire second round. "I only let on that Arnold hurt me," he grinned, "so that he'd get over-confident and careless. Which he did. He threw all kinds of punches at me. I blocked some and rolled with the others. Billy didn't know I wasn't hurt. He thought he had me, sure. So in the third round he came out to flatten me. I bobbed and weaved, watched for the chance I was looking for. When I saw it—whang!—I shot one to his jaw. As he did a Leon Errol, I closed in and put the crusher on 'im."

Irving Cohen, the other co-manager of the new East Side fistic sensation, was all smiles. A quiet, well-mannered little fellow who had been struggling with so-so boxers for over ten years, expressed regret at being joyful at the expense and sorrow of another fighter. "But that," he said in his soft, sympathetic voice, "is the fight game."

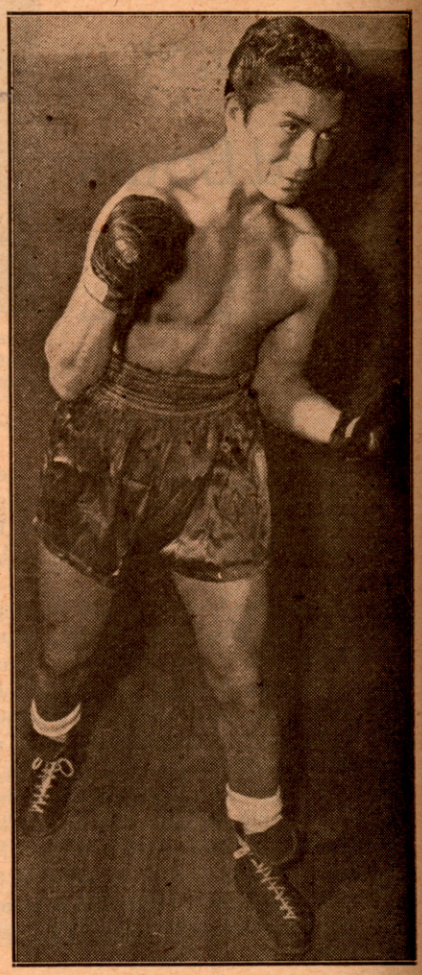
Asked how he felt about suddenly becoming the pilot of a Big Time boxer, Irving smiled and with his accustomed dry humor replied, "I don't know. Good, I suppose. But it'll mean staying awake nights, figuring out matches for Rocky and the large gates they'll draw."

That Graziano is now a Garden favorite was proved when he was introduced from the ring before the Bivins-Bettina battle. Rocky received a tremendous ovation. A vicious type fighter who packs a murderous wallop is the sort of ringman present-day boxing fans like to see in action. And Rocky is it.

Most of the Madison Square Garden clientele has seen the East Side slugger in his early stages as a scrapper when he was a wild swinger, trusting to luck that his powerful punches would find a landing place. His dynamic fighting style, the ferocity of his attack, seems to please the fans even if he loses.

Graziano lost to Steve Riggio at the Garden and to Joe Agosta in 1943, but he was always there, trying for his famed knockout. In 1944, Rocky lost to Harold Green at the Garden—the Brownsville Hebrew being lucky to finish in their second meeting, as Graziano—having nailed Harold a wicked right to the chin—was about to finish Green, when the sound of the gong put an end to the battle. It was this sensational finish that made Rocky a big drawing card.

Born on the East Side 23 years ago, in June, Rocky was an unmanageable lad. He beat up the kids at school—including some of his teachers. Truant officers were ever on the look-out for him.



Humberto Zavala, Mexican battler, who is one of the most colorful foreigners to box in New York in many years.

Friends finally induced him to do his fighting in the ring. His five bouts as an amateur ended in knockouts. Two of his victims were the Tuckett Twins. Graziano accomplished the strange feat of flattening both of them in exactly the same number of rounds, minutes and seconds: 2:15 in the second heat—which gave him the 147-pound Metropolitan title.

Since turning pro in June, 1943, Rocky has taken part in 39 battles, scoring 21 kayoes, losing to only three boxers and having nearly all of his foes on the canvas.

Marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Norma Levine, two years ago, seems to have completely transformed Rocky from a devilish youth into a quiet and devoted family man. He now trains faithfully for his fights and for relaxation he stays home and plays with his tiny daughter, Audry. There's hardly a doubt but that the responsibility of a family has achieved the remarkable metamorphosis in Rocky. It has lifted him out of obscurity and brought him into the fistic limelight. It can push him further: To win the welter- or middleweight title.

HUMBERTO ZAVALA

SOME fighters get to the top of their profession by hard and persistent fighting and thus become Madison Square Garden attractions. They're generally forced to perform at local rings for a half-dozen years or more before gaining sufficient recognition, and a large enough following, to headline at the Garden.

With Humberto Zavala the process was different. The little Mexican came to New York unknown and unsung, brought in by Phil Shapiro, popular New York manager, who had brought other foreign fighters here. After boxing here but two months, Zavala performed in a main event at the Garden; the cherished dream of every young boxer.

It wasn't luck, magic or ballyhoo that landed Zavala in the top spot of a Garden boxing show. It was because his ring-style had color—crowd-appeal.

The lad from across the Rio Grande is busy as a wasp in the roped square. He buzzes around his foe, stinging him with a myriad of punches that hurt and bewilder. Sturdily built, Zavala takes hard blows without slowing his pace; nor does he hold or back away.

His "switch style" lends color to his ring work. He can turn southpaw and wage just as effective and dazzling a battle as when he battles orthodox style. Humberto's right jab is fast and accurate; his footwork is eye-arresting as well as effective and his punches coming swiftly from all angles generally find their target with stunning effect.

Although he lost a bloody battle to Tony Janiro in the St. Nicholas Rink's first $6.00 tops show that drew a near record crowd of 4,097 that contributed a gross of $14,980, he still remains one of New York's outstanding attractions. A bad eyecut caused Referee Donovan to halt the bout in the fourth round, giving Janiro his 36th victory in 37 bouts.

Luis Humberto Zavala entered this world in Apizaco, Mexico, on September 9, 1920. He quit high school because he wanted to help in the support of the big family. Although he was small, he undertook men's jobs. He worked as a mechanic, a boilermaker and on a railroad.

In flawless Spanish and with admirable candor, Zavala admits that he was not yet 14 when he got married. He and his sweetheart were still attending grammar school and he was boxing amateurs and exhibitions when the knot was tied. They have six children, the eldest eleven years old.

Since turning pro five years ago, Zavala has had about 50 fights. The reason for this is that there's not sufficient competition in Mexico. He has lost only four decisions—but has scored victories over the best featherweights and lightweights in his country. This year he dropped a verdict to clever Danny Bartfield, then had his bout with Janiro stopped because of a cut eye.

His seventh bout here was a main event with Danny Bartfield at Madison Square Garden. Before that, Zavala—a five to one underdog—put the skids under Joey Peralta and then boxed a draw with Johnny Williams, the lad who trounced Maxie Shapiro three months ago."

It was the proficient manner in which he outpunched the rugged Monte Pignatore and his spectacular kayo over Dusty Brown

Mike Konners, fast-rising West Side lightweight.

at the St. Nicholas Arena that earned Zavala a top spot at the Garden with Bartfield. The surprisingly large turn-out enjoyed one of the fastest lightweight battles of the season at that arena. Danny stung the Mexican with numerous sharp punches but it only made Zavala fight harder.

It is Zavala's ability to take a hefty clout and come back, fighting like a demon, that makes him one of the most interesting scrappers to watch in ring-action. Another, is the speed and frequency with which he can toss punches. He seems to wield jabs, hooks and uppercuts all at one time.

After the Bartfield bout, the little Mexican hot pepper engaged in a fight at the St. Nicks against Pat Demers—going through with it, instead of staying in bed and taking care of a severe cold, rather than disappoint the well-filled house. Humberto won that battle—the eighth under Phil Shapiro's directions. Zavala is trained by the capable Dan Florio.

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MIKE KONNERS

EVERY now and then there comes before the public eyes a young boxer who by several brilliant ring performances gains their support and that of the fistic experts. Such a pugilist is Mike Konners, fast-rising West Side lightweight. This tall well-built youth doesn't just go into a ring to slug it out with his foe. He steps in there to outbox, outguess, outspeed and outmaneuver his rival.

Although only eighteen, Mike is quite a veteran at fisticuffing. He started boxing at the age of 12, performing at churches and benefits.

Young Konners concentrated on perfecting a left jab with the satisfying result that Mike now wields one of the sharpest lefts in the ring.

This sharp-eyed kid from Hell's Kitchen, game to the core, can shoot a right to the jaw with deadly accuracy—the blow generally carrying sufficient power to put his opponent to sleep for the ten-count. His method is to jab away at a rival, daze and bewilder him—cut his face with that rapier-like left—and then put him out with a potent, well-measured right to the chin.

Of an Austrian father and Italian mother, Konners first saw the light of day in New York on November 21, 1926. He quit high school while in the fifth term. He took a commercial course.

"Later he worked in a post office," enlightened Gabe Gans, who has been the kid's manager ever since Mike decided to become a fighter. "And handling sacks of mail did much to develop his arm muscles. Following that he got a job in the garment center—pushing hand-trucks loaded with garments. That did his wind plenty of good—and made his legs strong, too."

After taking part in only two amateur contests—which he won—Mike begged his manager to turn him pro. "The kid wanted keener competition," appended Gans with an amused grin. "I liked that. It proved that Mike had guts as well as ambition. He wanted to get there the hard way."

Since turning professional, Mike has crawled through the ropes 25 times and has come out a winner in 23 of his battles. He dropped one close duke and boxed one draw. Twelve of his victories were by the kayo route. Among the victims are: Gary Williams, Al Rodriguez, Charley Bayron and Lou Prince.

Mike won decisions over the seasoned Jackie Savino, Bobby Henry, Paul Midiri, Rocky Progano, Jimmy Saunders, Georgie Knox, Frankie Rosen and Chief Timberlake—all of them having several years of ring experience.

"Here is how I happened to become the manager of Mike Konners," explained Gans. Three years ago, I noticed almost every day a skinny, wide-eyed kid popped into Stillman's gym—where I had several fighters train—not only to watch the boys work out but to try and get some fight pilot to manage him. All of them shooed the kid away. But that didn't discourage him. He kept right on trying.

"I watched a repetition of this almost every day and admiring the kid's spunk and his spirit, I told him he was too frail to become a fighter, but if he insisted, I'd handle him. When I spoke to him and saw that pleading look in his eyes, I just couldn't turn him down. The look of joy on the kid's face when I finally said Yes, I'd manage him, was a treat to see."

Today, now that Mike Konners has made good and seems destined to go places, several of the managers who chased him are eager to buy him from Gans. The latter just smiles, puffs smoke in their faces and walks away.

Conn Gets His Man

Catches Up With Cpl. Rauh, Trainer, Who Hired Billy as Sparring Partner for Freddie Miller When Conn Got a Cauliflower Ear

TO look at Bill Rauh, late of Cincinnati, Ohio, and more recently a supply corporal with the Special Service Section of the XXII Tactical Air Command in Italy, one would never suspect that he had devoted some 17 of his 37 years to training pugs.

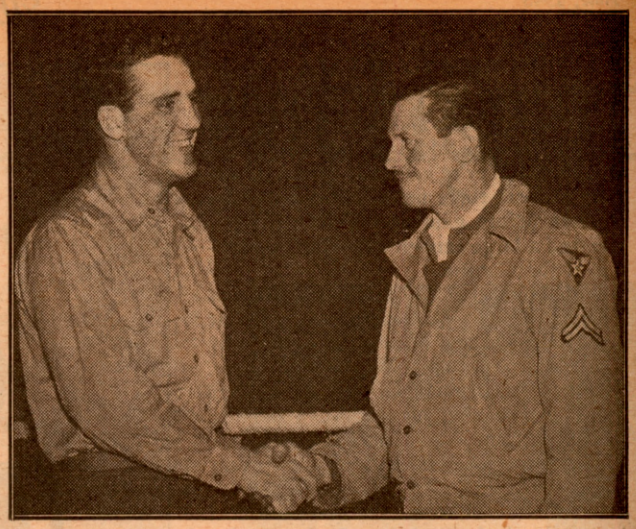
Of medium build and with a neatly-trimmed mustache, his dapper good looks reminds one more of a business or professional man. In a manner of speaking, we suppose he is a professional man. To him, the grooming of leather-pushers in the fine art of Mayhem, Inc., and scrambled ears is a profession.

As a kid, Bill used to love to hang around the local gyms in Cincinnati and help the amateurs as a rubber or second. Before long he was supervising their training and was taking on some of the pros to handle.

In addition to one world's champ—Freddie Miller, former featherweight titleholder—Rauh has handled dozens of runners-up. Today in addition to his regular work he handles the service lads of the XXII Tactical Air Command in Italy and the boxer in whom he takes his greatest pride is Larry Cisneros, California lightweight, one of the outstanding American boxers who has taken part in Inter-Allied competition.

Not long ago Rauh ran into Billy Conn in Italy, where the former heavyweight contender was working out with his company preparatory to putting on a show for the boys of the 5th Army and 12th Air Force.

"So you're the guy who handed me this tin ear," said Conn, as he waved his leather-cased paw at his unmistakably cauliflowered listening device.



Cpl. Billy Conn and Cpl. Billy Rauh meet in Italy.

Which, in part if not in whole, was true.

Actually, of course, it wasn't Rauh who had delivered the blow that caused Billy's ear to swell. It was a boy he was handling, Freddie Miller, who had just copped the world's feather crown from Tommy Paul in Chicago.

Miller was in Pittsburgh slated to meet Fritzie Zivic in a non-title bout and Rauh was looking for some suitable sparring partners. A good-looking, young lightweight by the name of Billy Conn was recommended to him and hired on the spot. After a few slashing workouts, Conn was handed his little ring souvenir—something no heavyweight has since been able to duplicate.

After the war, Rauh says he intends going back to his regular job with the Methodist Publishing House. That is, of course, unless he spots a couple of good boys in the army.

ALAMOGORDO AIRMEN COP TITLES

BOXING has gained its full share of representation in the sports activity at the Alamogordo (New Mexico) Army Air Field, where a busy, hard-hitting squad has been performing in local shows and participating in bouts at El Paso and other fields. Cpl. Romeo (Chief) Sanchez, of Los Angeles, is coach and promoter of the team's activities. He is a former sparring partner of Maxie Rosenbloom and Buddy Baer, and has been instrumental in developing several members on the team, as well as offering instruction and advice to other soldiers on the field engaged in leather throwing.

In the recent Golden Gloves tourney at El Paso, Alamogordo's battlers made a good showing by copping two titles and having runners-up in two other bouts. A fifth fighter went down before a champion in a preliminary encounter.

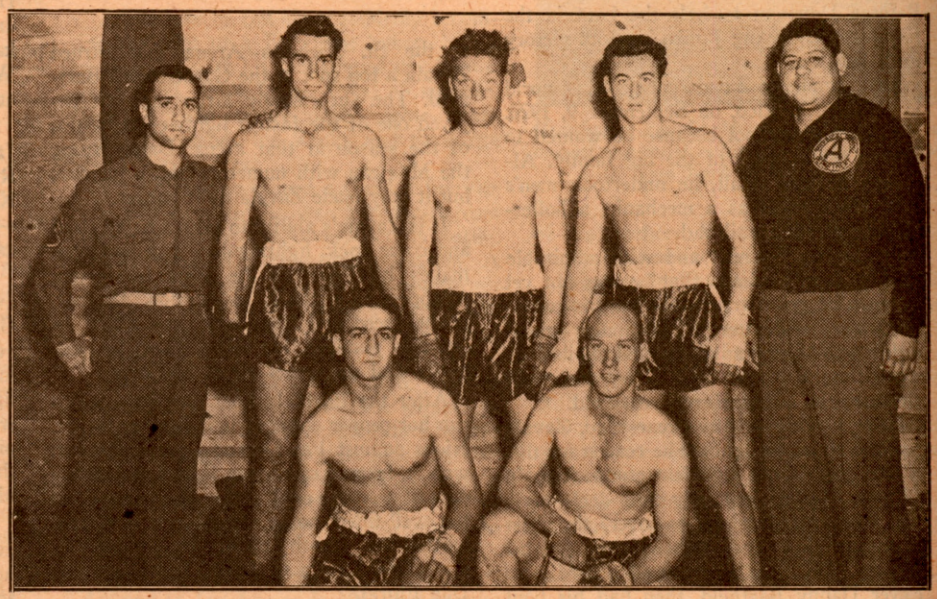
Pfc. Tony La Rocca, a hard-hitting soldier from Jamaica, Long Island, won the welterweight title. He went on to Fort Worth for further competition and lost in the finals.

Jack Maines, speedy lightweight from Kansas City, Kansas, won top honors in his division, but lost in the finals at Forth Worth.

Cpl. Bob Thompson, San Francisco slugger also bowed in the finals, and Pvt. Jack Lutes, welterweight from Pittsburgh, lost a decision to the winner of his division.

Pvt. Howard Meredith, welterweight from Kansas City, Mo., was a finalist.

The affair was a huge success.



Members of the Alamogordo Army Air Field boxing team, left to right, first row: Pfc. Tony La Rocca, welterweight winner who lives in Jamaica, L. I.; Pvt. Jack Maines, Kansas City, Kan., lightweight title holder; top row: Cpl. Bob Thompson, San Francisco, trainer, finalist, in the light-heavyweight division; Pvt. Howard Meredith, Kansas City, Mo., welterweight, and winner of the runner-up spot; Pvt. Jack Lutes, welterweight contender; Cpl. Romeo Sanchez, Los Angeles, coach and promoter. The team won two titles in the El Paso Golden Gloves tourney.

TALES OF FISTIC HEROES

By THE SPORTSMAN

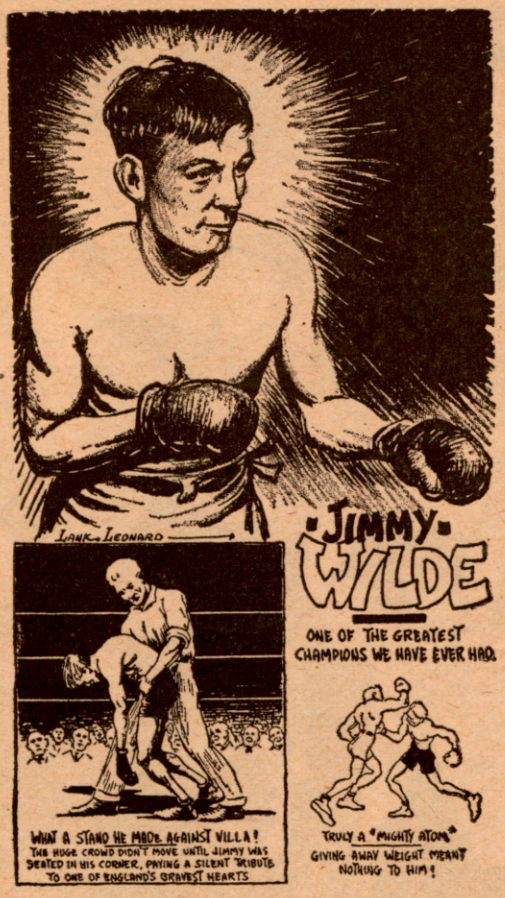
BRITAIN, the birthplace of "the Art of Self-Defense," has produced many famous ring men in all divisions, but it is doubtful if for general ability any surpassed Jimmy Wilde, former world's flyweight champion.

When one narrates the career of Wilde, he must of necessity couple this great fighter with the name of another British artist, Jem Driscoll, for Jem and Jim were much alike in more than one way. Practically everything that Wilde knew he learned from Driscoll and in the matter of scientific boxing, there is little that Driscoll displayed which was not part of the repertoire carried through his ring career by Jimmy Wilde.

The little champion of England, who, until he was knocked out in that memorable international battle at the Polo Grounds by Pancho Villa on June 28, 1923, in seven rounds reigned over the world's flyweights, stands out as a unique figure in boxing history.

"The gamest and bravest fighter that ever trod the canvas of a boxing ring," is how Eugene Corri, famous British referee, described the "Little Atom," following his fight with Pancho Villa.

When boxing historians are jotting down the ultimate attainments of the prize-ring heroes, they will include that tribute to the great little British fighter.



They may look over the efforts of such men as Willie Ritchie, Battling Nelson, Joe Gans and other scintillating lights of a past day, but none of those who battled in the face of adversity, with defeat ever reaching out to clutch them in its grasp, will be found to match up the spirit that little Jimmy Wilde displayed before that crowd of 40,000 in the old Polo Grounds.

Never did a champion, not even old Battling Nelson, go down to such glorious defeat as did the Briton. Never was a newly crowned champion accepted with less acclaim than the tigerish little Pancho Villa. Never was a beaten fighter, particularly a champion, hailed and cheered as was Jimmy Wilde as he staggered, guided by his faithful handlers, from the ring wherein he had just passed the title to a class which he had dominated for so many years.

There never was a boy his equal at his weight; there never was a cleverer, harder hitting lad among the wee ones who could be pointed out as Jimmy's superior. This minute Welshman who stood only 5 feet 2½ inches, and weighed at his best only between 104 and 108 pounds, was born in 1892. Called the Tylorstown Terror, Wilde repeatedly during his long career proved that this was no misnomer by the manner in which he polished off his opponents.

With tapering body and broad shoulders, with an anemic look that was quite deceiving, this little Welsh scrapper with his pallor and outward appearance of fragility, proved anything but a weakling when once in ring attire. Wilde's strength and his hitting power, considering his size and weight, were simply amazing. He was a highly skilled boxer and the power of his punches was almost magical.

For virility, for ingenuity, for speed, accuracy and ability to block, there never was a boxer of Wilde's weight to equal him. His style was that of his teacher, Jem Driscoll, but his methods of attack were his own. He studied an opponent and then polished him off by using the most suitable tactics.

Wilde always believed in avoiding any tactics that would reduce his stamina, hence instead of blocking the blows of his opponents he had a knack of sidestepping an inch or two when the delivery was made and invariably got out of their range. The only time in his entire career where this method could not be used with effect was in his bout with Pancho Villa, but in that contest Jimmy met a boy who was just coming while Wilde, the champion, had already seen his best days.

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WILDE'S principal asset is his unorthodoxy. In an interview a few days following his defeat by Villa, Wilde declared that he never had a guard and never had a defense. Yet he was as difficult to hit as a shadow. He explained this by saying that he always shuffled backward or forward, as the case might be, just inches at a time, and the punches directed at him would just graze his nose or jaw. Instead of moving his head, he explained that he would just jerk it a bit to one side, then a bit to the other, a fraction at a time, and thereby avoid the blows that otherwise might prove disastrous.

His sense of distance was uncanny. He could stand within range of a blow when it started, but when an opponent let it loose a little jerk of the head or the body and the punch landed in space.

Always on his toes, his body executing a wavelike motion, his gloves resting on his hips without a semblance of a guard, his knees slightly bent, he proved a bewildering subject for any opponent. He always kept his man guessing, feinted him into knots and then connected with his terrific right, said to be the heaviest punch ever delivered by a fellow his weight. These are the qualities which Jimmy Wilde possessed and which enabled him to take his rank among the truly great—the supermen.

Wilde's greatest stand, one that will never be forgotten by the throng that witnessed his downfall, was in his bout with Villa. "Greater in defeat than ever he was in victory" was the phrase used by almost every sports writer who reported that battle.

The bravest little man who ever held a title in Britain went down with flying colors in the seventh session, and not since the time that Battling Nelson was counted out on his feet in California, had a champion passed more gloriously.

Britain may produce many more champions, but it will take years to produce another Jimmy Wilde.

Comdr. Dempsey on Assignment Under Coast Guard Orders

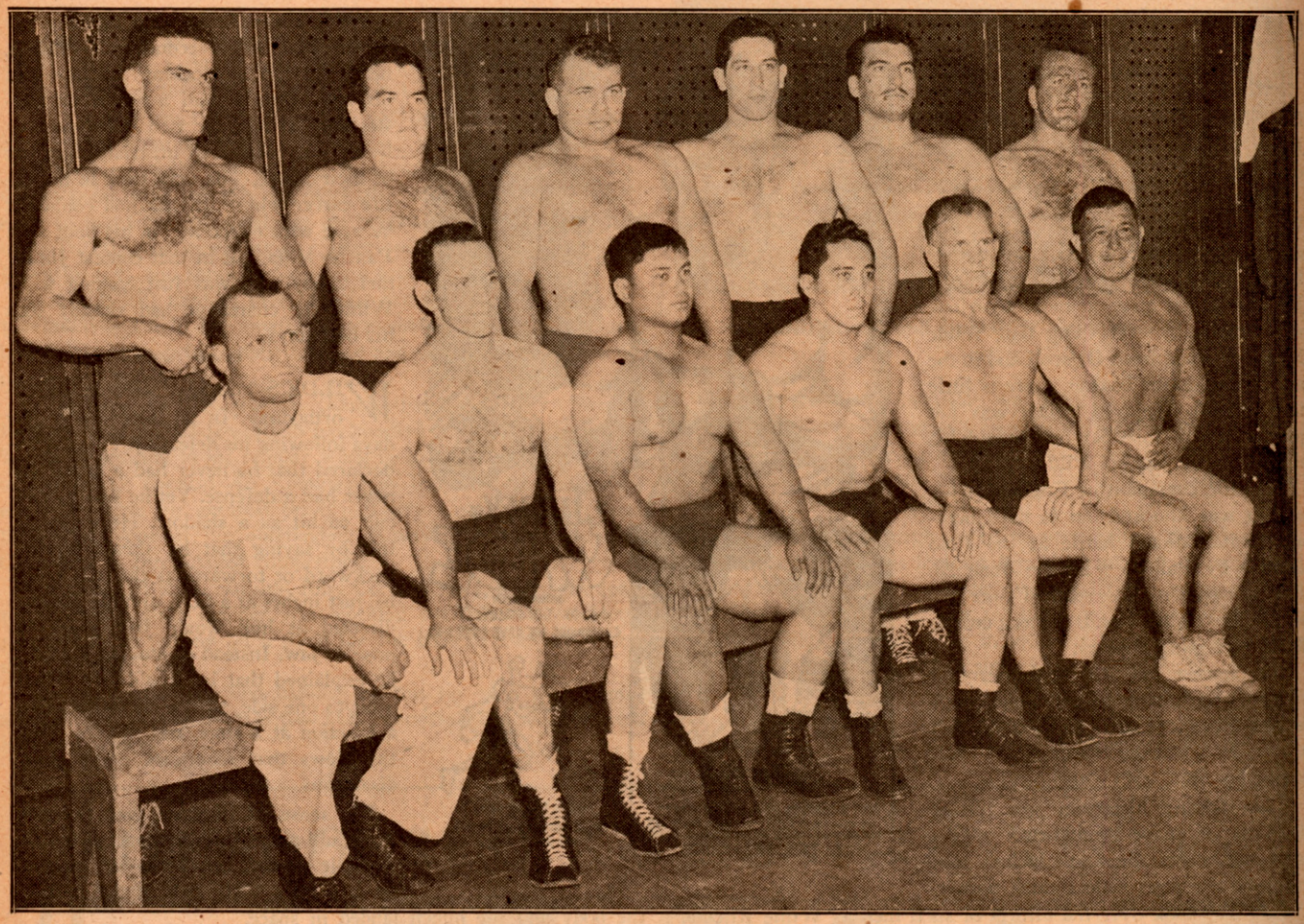
In the article on Jack Dempsey in the last issue of THE RING, "Guns Trained on Dempsey," it was erroneously stated that "Dempsey was sent abroad on detached duty from the Coast Guard by the Navy." According to Captain Ellis Reed of the U. S. Coast Guard, in a message from Washington, "Commander Jack Dempsey is on a Coast Guard assignment under Coast Guard orders and not on detached duty from the Coast Guard."

Dempsey is doing a swell job for the Coast Guard in morale building and the Coast Guard is proud of his achievements.

Wrestling Big *in* Hawaii

By MAJOR K. S. VANDERGRIFT

Special to THE RING *from the Hawaiian Islands*



Some of the wrestlers now appearing on cards in the Hawaiian Islands are shown as they prepared for bouts in the Schofield Barracks Bowl. Professional wrestling is presented every third Wednesday night at Schofield Barracks before crowds of more than 11,000 service fans. Front row, left to right: Charley Carr, Hawaiian champion and holder of THE RING belt; Soldier Jimmy Colburn, Bolo Bataan, Whimpey Wellington, Tiger James and Chief Rowe. Back row, left to right: Axel Johnson, Irish Mike Casey, Babe (Small) Smolenski, Ramos Santos, Charley Dimitoris and Bad Man Joe Mitchell.

PROFESSIONAL wrestling, always popular in Hawaii, is now enjoying the biggest business of the past seven years. For seven years Alexander Karasick, one-time feared Russian Lion of the wrestling world and a light-heavyweight champion, now promoter at the Honolulu Civic Auditorium and matchmaker for every wrestling show in The Islands, has been putting on big-time cards.

After the blitz of December 7, 1941, wrestling was forgotten, but a year later, through cooperation of the Army, it was resumed and rated an essential war-time recreational entertainment. Bi-weekly cards were presented for over a year with the shows being held on Sunday afternoons. Then Promoter Karasick was allowed, by a relaxation in the blackout, to stage the shows at night. Cards commence at 7 p.m., and last not later than 9:30 p.m. A 10 p.m. curfew is strictly enforced in Honolulu and all over the Hawaiian Islands.

With wrestling on at nights, the crowds of about 5,000 capacity for each bi-weekly show, jumped up to turn-away houses at the Civic Auditorium. Recently Promoter Al Karasick has answered the demands of the fans and is staging shows every week alternating on Saturdays and Sundays.

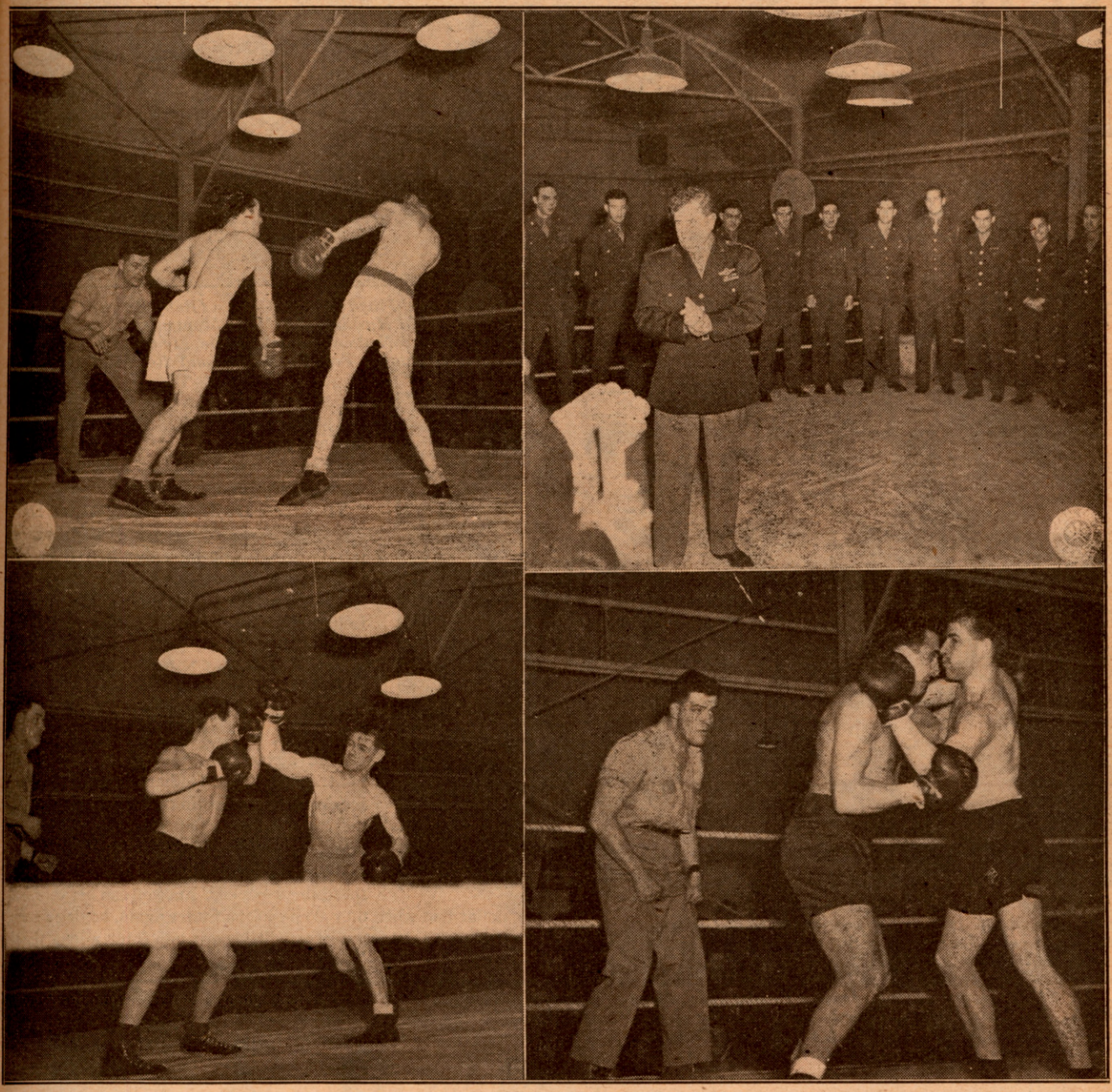
But the Civic Auditorium is just one of the many spots enjoying professional wrestling. At Hickam Field, Bellows Field, Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks, regular cards are presented. Karasick matches these cards without expense as a contribution to the morale of the services. He also helps out with bouts for the Navy's recreation program at the famed Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

It is at Schofield Barracks where the really large mat crowds gather. There in the spacious covered Bowl more than 11,500 fans gather every third Wednesday night to take in the professional wrestling cards. Since the war started thirty-nine tri-weekly cards have been presented in Schofield with Promoter Karasick matching the bouts for the Recreation Department.

Schofield has been the proving ground for every newly arrived wrestler and has also developed many new grapplers from among the service ranks. Several service championships and inter-service championships have been held in the Schofield Bowl. Biggest event since the war was the meeting of Charley Carr and Sailor Elmer Davis for THE RING championship belt. Carr was proclaimed Hawaiian junior heavyweight champion and has successfully defended THE RING belt against all comers.

Some of the wrestlers now showing in Hawaii are: Champion Charley Carr, Axel Madsen, Babe Smolenski, Chester Hayes, Buck O'Neill, Sammy Cohen, Joe Mitchell, Kaimon Kudo, Axel Johnson, Charley Dimitoris, Tony Allesandro, Vincent Ramos, Harry Dellis, Irish Mike Casey, Tiger James, Whimpey Wellington, Chief Rowe, Jack Colburn, Buck Lee, Ben Pilar, Bill Kaiser, Tetsuo Higami, Young Shiranuhi, Jimmy Gonzales, Dale Clark, Bolo Bataan, Douglas Corregidor, Jack Steele, Ken Blair, Eddie Celeya, Elbert Lewallen, Ted Skrzynecki, Big Boy Clement, Spike Marlin, Bob Bohach, Henry Zalewski, Ralph Teague, Stanley Walicki, and several other service men.

Thrilling Bouts in Iceland



(Upper left) LAC Kilroy, referee, ready to handle the situation as he eyes LAC Tommy Herlihy (left) and LAC George Sutton, following a right to the jaw which Herlihy had just landed. Herlihy won the bout. (Upper right) Brigadier General Early E. W. Duncan, Commanding General of the Iceland forces, presents certificates of Athletic Merit to the winning athletes. (Lower left) LAC Tommy Lanigan, RAF, from Tipperary, Ireland, in a hot battle with Pvt. Mac McLain of Columbus, Ohio, which Lanigan won. (Lower right) Cpl. Joe Sarvedeo of Mount Vernon, N. Y., a former Golden Glover star, defeats Seaman Jack Bostock of the British Royal Navy in a stirring contest. The referee is Mike "Tony" Kilroy of the RCAF.

By LT. DAVID ZINKOFF

IN far off Iceland, where Brigadier General Early E. W. Duncan of Roxboro, North Carolina, is commanding our armed forces, boxing is the chief entertainment. Bouts are staged weekly and tournament boxing is featured once a month at which time the Allied troops enter their best men for special competition. Members of the British Royal Navy, Air Force and Marines are frequent entrants.

In the latest show, photos of which appear on this page, the American soldiers showed considerable boxing skill. One of the best bouts of the latest tourney was that in which LAC Tom Herlihy, County Cork, 120 pounds, beat LAC George Sutton, Cardiff, Wales, 114. The bout was a thriller, a slam-bang affair from start to finish.

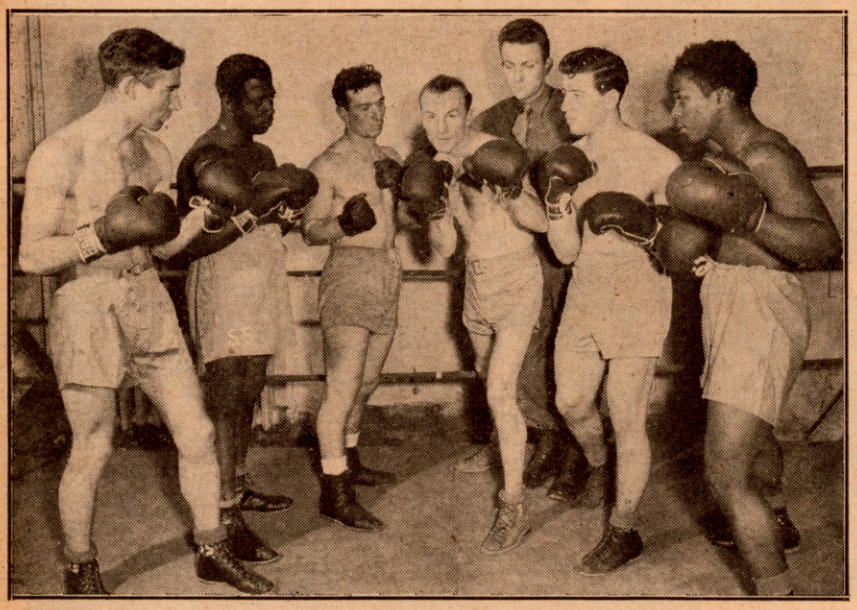
Another good bout resulted in a victory for LAC Tommy Lanigan, Tipperary, Ireland, over Pvt. MacLain, of Columbus, Ohio, via the knockout route in the second round.

A Mount Vernon, New York, boy, Cpl. Joe Sarvedeo, came out of retirement to put the gloves on with Ordinary Seaman Jack Bostock of the Royal Navy, hailing from Mansfield, Eng., and Joe carried off the honors in a splendid tilt.

BOXING NOVICES MAKE *the* GRADE

By CPL. DAVID L. MEYER
(Peninsular Base Headquarters, Italy)

Back row, left to right: Curtis Monet, Floyd Gibson, George (Baby Dutch) Culbertson, Leon Haire, James McGowan, Jessie Huskins and Mike Montanino. Front row: Al Weisberger, manager and promoter; Nathan Baynab, Dixie Fleming, Royal Marine Ronald Burr, Trainer and handler, Frankie Milano and Raymond Jyas.



Pfc. Daniel A. Billick, Duquesne, Pa., Bantam and Featherweight of 1928, who was managed by Jimmy Bronson, gives a few pointers to other members of the Peninsular Base Section Boxing Team. Left to right: Pfc. Robert F. Wade, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pvt. Alfred Eli, Bronx, N. Y.; S/Sgt. Henry Alvino, Daniel Fields, Ga.; Pfc. Billick; Pvt. Dino Coduto, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pvt. Norman Guthrie, Buffalo, N. Y., 1937 A.A.U. District Champ; and Sgt. Louis Hoffmann (manager), Glendale, L. I.

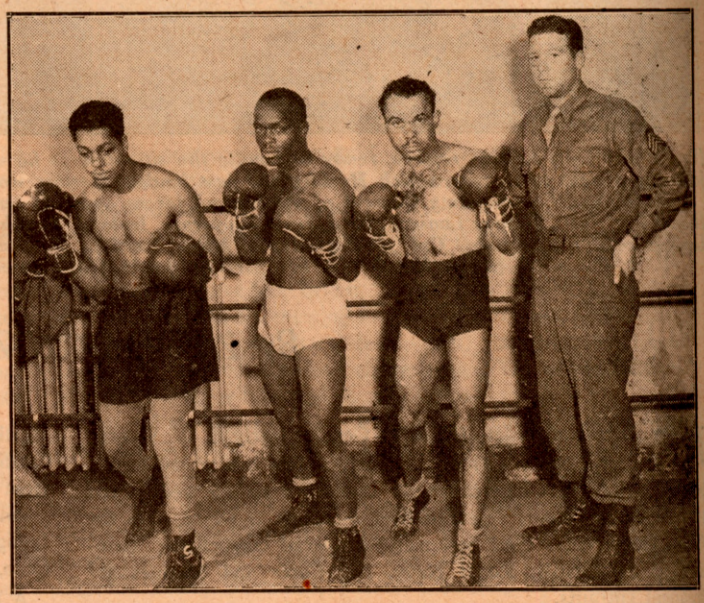
WHEN the boys come home, the boxing clubs in the U. S. won't be big enough to accommodate the many new boxing fans. Always popular among G. I.'s, boxing matches play to full houses everywhere in Italy and among the spectators are many who had never before seen boxers in action. Their enthusiasm for this newly discovered sport has led some of them to don the gloves themselves.

In units of Peninsular Base Section, Services and Supply organization for Fifth Army and for the ground forces of the U. S. Air Corps and Navy in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, soldiers with no previous boxing experience have not only made the P.B.S. a crack team but have gone on to win individual army titles. Promoter of the P.B.S. weekly bouts is Sgt. Chester P. Gothard, of Richmond, California, who is non-com in charge of boxing for Special Services.

Some of P.B.S. star boxers include: Pvt. Dino Coduto, Philadelphia, Pa., Diamond Belt sub-novice junior lightweight champion in Philadelphia in 1939 and Pfc. Daniel A. Billick of Duquesne, Pa., owner of the Billick A. C. gym in Duquesne, who fought the best in the bantam and featherweight class until 1928 including Fidel LaBarba and Lou Feldman. He was managed by Jimmy Bronson.

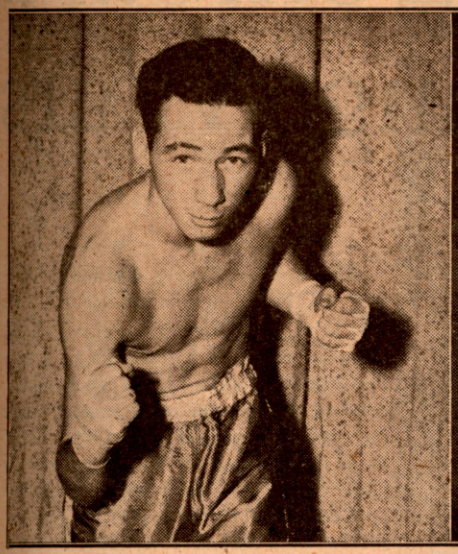
Then there are S/Sgt. Henry Alvino, South Newfield, N. J., who got his boxing start in the Army and won the lightweight championship of Lawson and Daniel Fields in Georgia in 1942; Pvt. Lloyd Virdure of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who donned his first gloves in the Army and went on to become the featherweight champion of North Africa in 1944 and Pfc. Richard Blackman, New Orleans, La., welterweight, member of the New Orleans 313 Boxing team, A.A.U. champs in 1940.

"Our boxers haven't a great deal of time for training," Sgt. Gothard pointed out, "but they're in there fighting all the time. You see, they have an important job to do first—keeping the supplies rolling, doing the hundred and one jobs that take day and night to help speed the war's end. But you can bet your bottom dollar that when they arrive in the States again, boxing's going to get a shot in the arm that will keep it going for a long time."



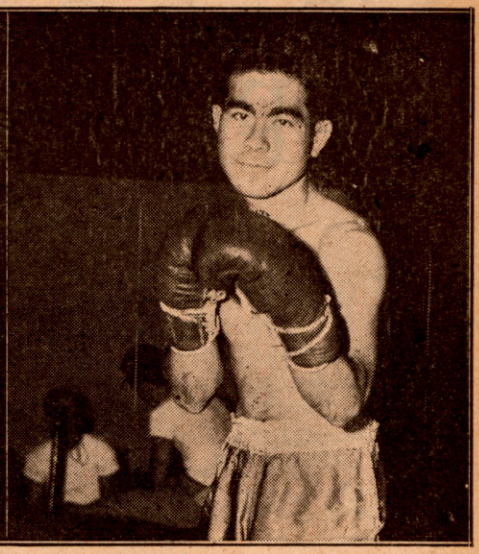
Sgt. Chester P. Gothard, Richmond, Calif., boxing promoter for P.B.S. Special Services, shown with some of P.B.S. stars. Left to right: T/4 Lawrence Hanson, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio; Pvt. John Oliver Mowas, Chicago, Ill.; Pvt. Lloyd Virdure, Baton Rouge, La., the 1944 North African Featherweight Champion, and Sgt. Gothard.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS TALENT



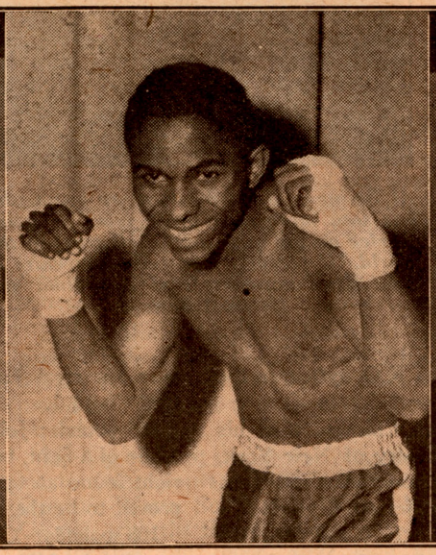
James McCann, a machine records unit clerk from New York City, is one of the outstanding middleweights fighting at Schofield Barracks.

Dillard Kirby, heavyweight fighter from Dayton, Ohio, is one of the top crowd-pleasers. He has been awarded a war bond for outstanding performance.

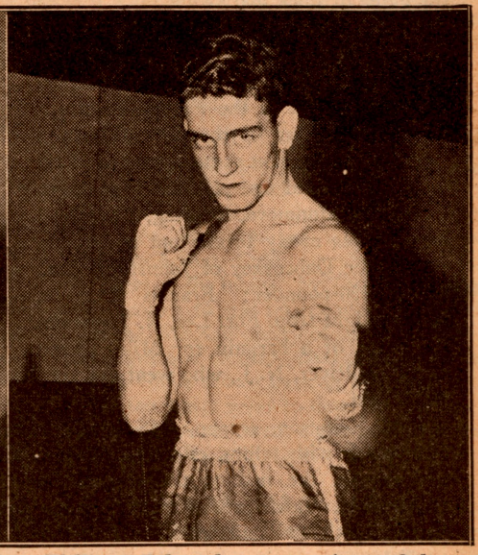


Bantamweight Kosaburo Ige of the Engineer Chowhounds and Honolulu. The American-Japanese soldier is a great favorite with the fans.

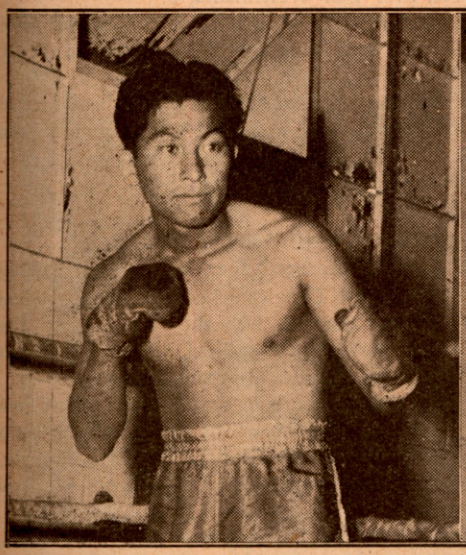
Vince Allicisto, junior lightweight from Honolulu. He is a colorful southpaw and a big favorite with the Hawaiian service fans.



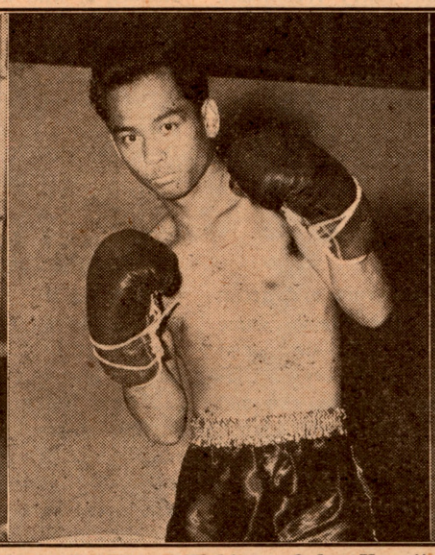
Cpl. Ismall Flores, junior lightweight with a Puerto Rican Engineer regiment, in his debut, copped a decision over Vince Allicisto of Honolulu.



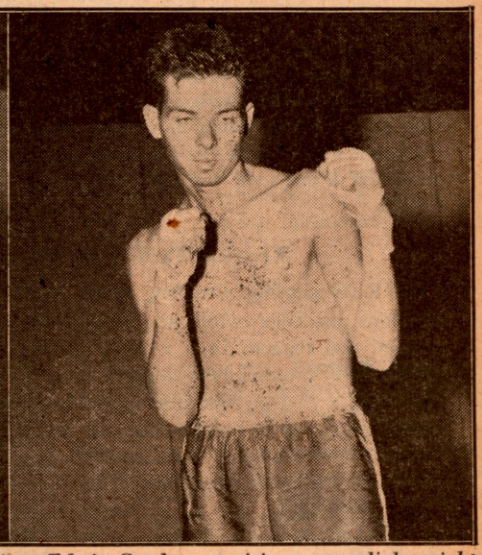
William Felt, who comes from Orleans, Mass., has participated in four tough scraps and has won three of them. He is a junior welterweight.



Edward Okamoto, sensational welterweight from the A-J Engineer Chowhound stable. He hails from Honolulu and has won most of his fights by knockouts.



Larry Estrella of Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii, is a lightweight boxer with the Engineer Demons. Larry has won two fights in a row after losing a shade decision.



Edwin Grady, promising young lightweight from Los Angeles, California. Grady fights for the Post Medics and is a game youngster.

Navy Pugilists Bombard Opponents in Ring Wars

By HARRY DWYER, CSM

Navy RING *Correspondent*

THE big guns of the Navy's bombardment units opened up on all fronts, laying down a barrage of leather that held the fans and boxers alike in the throes of excitement. From the wind swept shores of Narragansett Bay in Newport, R. I., to the calm placid waters surging through the Golden Gate at San Francisco, the fistic bombardment carried deep into the camps of the enemy. And when the din and the cry of battle had reverberated into the ozone, thousands of excited boxing fans had more than whetted their appetites for the game of duck and swing.

Starting at Newport Training Center, the opening gun was fired in an eight-bout card where hairline decisions marked the smoker held at the Eighth Regiment Drill Hall. Four of the fisticuff affairs went by the decision route, two wound up as T.K.O.'s, and one resulted in a draw.

Kenneth Dunmore, Reading, Pa., timed his punches nicely to eke out a decision over Eddie Dabcoskey of Johnstown, Pa., in a 150-pounder; Francis Hanson, welterweight from Fort Lee, N. J., proved too much of a bargain for Mike Dasko of South River, N. J., who went out via the T.K.O. system in the third heat.

Paul Robinson, scrappy 148-pounder from Chicago, used his long reach with telling effect on Thomas Cooley of New York, and copped the nod at the end of the melee. Dick Squyres, Bakersfield, Calif., and Pete Calvanico of Jersey City, N. J., battled tooth and nail with the Bakersfield scrapper getting the verdict.

Two flashy little 120-pounders, with Walter Carney of Boston, and Mike Guerriero of Trenton, N. J., furnishing the fireworks, battled it out to a draw. In a 150-pound affair, Larry Weissmann of Galenville, Tex., knew more about the game than his shipmate, Don Fullmer of St. Anthony, Idaho, the former taking the nod.

The infighting of Pat Kidney, 158, of Maine, settled the argument which he had with Don Riolo of Brooklyn, and the nod went to the New Englander. Shay Auerbach of Brooklyn ran into a potent wallop in the first heat with Ben Berlin of Newark, sustaining a cut over the right eye, costing him the bout via a T.K.O.

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Wrestlers Thrill Fans At Smoker

THREE sizzling wrestling bouts held the grunt and groan fans on edge while the gladiators of the Roman game sweated and tugged. In a welterweight match, Lind decisioned Thach, and Venneri, heavyweight, pinned the shoulders of Ciavaglia to the mat in their tussle after two minutes of twisting and turning each other's body. In the other heavyweight match, Swiheart took the nod over Campbell.

The boxing team was coached by Joey Haddad, former well-known fisticuffer, and Ed Lawson, former runner-up for the world's bantamweight crown, acted as third man in the ring. Charles Weede, a member of the pre-Olympic American wrestling team which toured Japan in 1938, handled the ring duties of the wrestlers.

Al Jiminez, former Western pro boxer who has seen more than three years of active service on the high seas in all parts of the world. Al recently sent some souvenirs to THE RING *museum from Iwo Jima and from Tarawa.*

Cadets Win Boxing Championship

TAKING four out of the five bouts scheduled for the championship, cadets of the third battalion at St. Mary's Pre-Flight School, Moraga, Calif., climbed aboard the band wagon to rest their championship laurels. Lieut. Harold R. Hoidal, coach of the winning cadet team, threw his heavy bombers into the opposition right at the start of the hostilities with Melvin Nix, Dick Sweeney, Lawrence Fay, and Al Brubaker taking the honors for the battalion.

Results of the bouts are as follows: 150 pounds, Melvin Nix, 3, used sledge hammer blows to take the nod over Dick Hutton, 4.

140 pounds: Norman Small, 2, sent John Gillig, 1, to the canvas twice in the last heat to win the decision.

160 pounds: Elmer Keshka, 4, easily outfought the onslaughts of John Hollowell, 1.

144 pounds: The effective body-punching of Dan Hubler, 4, was too much for Jim Carney, 3, who dropped the duke to the 4th Batt. lad.

170 pounds: Eking out a slim margin over his rival Lawrence Fay, 3, was awarded the palm over Bob Chott, 1.

165 pounds: Johnny Olsen, 2, and Johnny Krygoski, 4, staged a lulu of a fight, but the harder-hitting of Olsen, whose staggering right found an opening on Krygoski's chin in the opening canto, proved to be the better of the go and won the nod.

168 pounds: Climbing back after an almost disastrous first round, John Marozeck, 4, came back and outfought Roy Lusch, 1, to win the nod over his opponent.

160 pounds: An educated left proved the telling blow for Paul Rondel, 2, who won over Bob Weichmann, 3.

155 pounds: Al Brubaker, 3, had a left jab that spelled doom to John Planter, 2, who tried hard with body blows but did not come across.

Heavyweight: Dick Sweeney, 3rd Batt.'s fighting heavy, scored a knockdown in the initial round, and went on to win over John Prestegard, the 2nd Batt.'s standard bearer.

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Knockouts Feature Cup Tourney

SEVEN KNOCKOUTS featured the Cup Boxing Tourney held in the Third Naval District when the leather-pushers of the District took their quarrels into the roped square. The bouts were held at the Floyd Bennett Field, with the local lads playing host to the cream of the crop in the district.

Morris Neighbors, carrying the colors of Floyd Bennett Field in the 126-pound class, proved himself to be everything but a neighbor to A. Spina of Receiving Station, Brooklyn Barracks, who took the horizontal route home when the local boxer clocked him in the initial round to end the bout.

Following the cue set by Neighbors, Robby Robenson, N.A.D., Earle, N. J., ended the ambition of Andy Anderson, Coast Guard, Staten Island, when the former drove home the winning wallop in the second heat, sending the Guardsman to the land of repose. The

Receiving Station at Brooklyn added a win to their column when Coursey flattened the Staten Island Guardsman, Barry, who went out like a light.

With an educated mitten that bespoke disaster to whoever's chin with which it came in contact, M. Mello, Brooklyn Barracks, landed it on Covy Covington, N.A.S., closing the bout in 1:49 of the second stanza.

A. Wilkinson, welterweight from N.A.D., Earle, N. J., who, under the cognomen of Piggy Netos, made good in the money ranks, kept his winning streak intact by scoring a kayo over J. Daly of Pier 88 in 1:28 of the second heat.

Al Dominico, Frontier Base, Tomkinsville, took a well-earned decision from Henry Lewis of N.A.S.; H. Herrington, 162-pounder from Pier 92, clouted his way to a win over R. Miller of the Coast Guard at Staten Island.

W. Bolton, N.A.D., Earle, won over R. Sedgewick of Floyd Bennett, and N. Nardone, Coast Guard, Brooklyn Barracks, took the heavyweight match from R. Ritter of the N.A.S.

N. Fulton, light-heavyweight from Frontier Base, Tomkinsville, won over J. Schymenski, Naval Armed Guard Center. W. Dillon, lightweight from Brooklyn Barracks, scored a one-round kayo when he clocked W. Larry of the Receiving Station, Brooklyn.

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San Diego Boxers Throw Plenty of Leather

BOXERS of the San Diego, Calif., Training Center pounded plenty of leather into each other's anatomy as they whirled through five torrid bouts in their weekly fight program held at the Station's emporium of swat.

Under the guidance of Red Green, former Coast sensation, the scrappy sailors, eager to please the hundreds of fans who turned out for the slugfests, turned to on each other with the ferocity of the new 10th Army storming the barricades on the Okinawa Islands. One setto ended in a kayo, two went by T.K.O.'s, one ended in a decision and the other went to a sizzling draw.

Jimmy Clinton of Co. 78, and Bud Fackrell, Co. 79, opened the hostilities by drawing the claret from each other, and drawing mountains of applause from the fans for their deft way in handling the upholstered mittens. The setto ended in a split decision.

Feliz Wilson, Co. 40, took a close one from Rhinehart Carter of the Radio School, while Jimmy Hill, Gunner's Mates School, scored a T.K.O. over the hard-trying Dusty Stroud of Co. 21.

The big event of the smoker came in the mayhem setto between Ted Mayhew of the Gunner's Mates School, and Rex Block, Co. 631, with the former dropping the latter for the full count, after each had pounded the other's anatomy with every wallop listed in the catalogue.

All-Service champions in area covered by APO 244—Sitting, Chack Ah Young, Cowie Taylor and Tommy Forte. Kneeling, Bernie Gaeta, Ed Carson, Tom Georgina, B. S. Warren, John Tucker and Lowell Strong. Standing, Cpl. Bob Morley, Capt. Joseph McEntee, Lt. Col. Harold D. Merrill, Brig. Gen. Edgar B. Colladay, Maj. Louis J. Hartman, Lt. (jg) Donald B. Emery and P/O 1c Paul Stedina.

New Staff at Treasure Island

SCOTT CHAPMAN, Olympic Club light-heavyweight title holder in the boxing industry, and "Flash" Gordon, junior heavyweight champion wrestler, have been added to the athletic staff at Treasure Island, Calif. Chappie, voted the "prospect of the month" by THE RING Magazine, comes to the man-made island with what the fans call plenty of the three V's—vim, vigor and vitality—having captured the Golden Glove crown back in Marion, Ohio. In his ten starts prior to donning the Navy Blue, Chappi captured eight of them, one being the middleweight Golden Glove crown.

Joseph "Flash" Gordon has matched wits with Jim Londos, Strangler Lewis, Don George, and many other luminaries of the grunt and groan sport, during his career as a mat artist.

Returning to professional wrestling while still in college, Flash trampled down all opposition until he won the coveted world's crown which he successfully defended for three years prior to shipping in the naval service.

Flash's duties at the Island will be as athletic instructor in the physical fitness department, and he will have as a co-worker, Babe Rodriguez, colorful pro wrestler, who has faced many big shots of the game.

Left to right—Pvt. James R. Williams, Tampa, Fla.; Cpl. Robert Mankin, Richmond, Va.; William C. Bell, Norfolk, Va.; Pfc. Richard Blackman, New Orleans, La.; S/Sgt. Emmett J. Tucker, Gould, Ark. The men all serve in units of the Peninsular Base Section, service and supply organization for the Fifth Army and the Ground Forces of the U.S. Air Corps and Navy in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

Undefeated U.S. Naval Air-Station, Miami, Fla., boxing team. Left to right, standing: Leland Ross, St. Louis, Mo.; Hal Locklair, Charleston, So. Car.; Elzie Morris, Standish, Virginia; Jimmie Cleary (coach), New York City; Johnny Smith, Savannah, Ga; Perry Florio, Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y.; Norris Boling, Greenville, North Carolina; (kneeling) Lt. D. M. McNeil, Physical Training Officer; Tom Lipira, Elmont, L. I., N. Y.; Jackie Golomb, Washington, D. C.; and Orlando Michetti (second), Brooklyn, New York.

Naval Airmen Show Boxing Skill

By JAMES P. CLEARY, SP. (A) 2/C

THE Miami Naval Air Station boxing team continued its winning streak when the boys defeated the Fort Lauderdale boxing team, five bouts to two, at the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Boxing Arena.

Johnny Smith, AM 3/c, 129, started the Miami team on its smashing victory when he scored a hard earned three-round decision over Bill Merritt, S 1/c, Ft. Lauderdale. Smith, Miami's featherweight champion, boxed beautifully, scoring often with a straight left hand to the face. In the second round, Merritt jabbed lightly with two lefts to the head. Smith scored with a terrific right cross to the jaw, which staggered Merritt. The third and final round showed Smith out in front. Merritt was trying desperately for a K.O., but tired badly at the bell. The winner was Smith.

Hal Locklair, S 1/c, 135 pounds, Miami lightweight champion, won over George Sullivan, 134, Ft. Lauderdale, in three furious rounds. Both boys staged a savage bout and the decision was well received by the fans.

Jack Golomb, S 1/c, 120, Miami Area bantamweight champion, made it three straight for N.A.S., Miami, when he scored a sensational K.O. over Ed Hopf, S 1/c, 118, Ft. Lauderdale, in 1:20 of the second round. Jackie "The Mighty Mite" swarmed all over his adversary from the opening bell. Early in the second round, Golomb sank a terrific left hook to Hopf's mid-section, followed by a hard right to the jaw. Hopf slumped to the canvas and was out for a full 20 seconds.

Fort Lauderdale came back strong when Pfc. Frank Del La Rosa, 144, U.S.M.C., scored a bruising three-round decision over Tom Lipira, 145, AMM 3/c, N.A.S., Miami. This was one of the hardest fights of the evening. Both boys took plenty of punishment, and had the fans cheering from bell to bell.

The fifth bout of the evening again found Ft. Lauderdale gaining the edge in a hairline decision, when Bill Momier, 153, S 1/c, won a three-round decision over Leland Ross, 155, AM 2/c, Miami, N.A.S. Again N.A.S. Miami took command when Perry Florio, S 1/c, 167, opened up all guns to score a smashing victory over Bob Manus, S 1/c, 164, Ft. Lauderdale, in a two-round K.O. Florio, a southpaw, sank a hard left cross to Bob's mid-section which dropped him for the final count.

The final bout of the evening saw "Red" Morris, S 1/c, 179, score a one-sided victory over Charles Means, S 1/c, 195, Ft. Lauderdale, in a heavyweight duel. At the bell, Means rushed out of his corner and swarmed all over Morris. "Red," keeping a cool head, kept tattooing a rapid left hand to Means' face. The second round found Morris opening up his heavy artillery, and he dropped Means for a six-count with a terrific right hand under the heart. Means arose, but he was dropped again for the full count.

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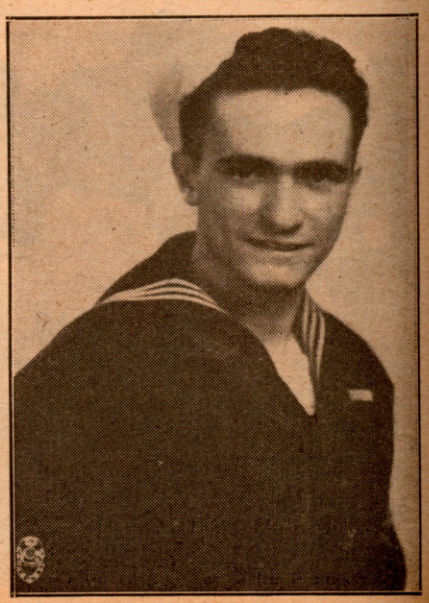

Machinist's Mate Joseph J. Yager, U.S. Navy deep sea diver on the U.S.S. Grand Island stationed in the Pacific. He is only 21 but has seen action for more than three years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Yager of Brooklyn. Abe is dean of boxing publicity men in New York.

The Ring's Honor Roll

By CPL. JIMMY HEARNS

Pvt. Alfred Desino, former feather from Newark who fought under the name of Al Lombardi.

AT Fort Slocum, the Army's newest rehabilitation camp, boxing is the most popular sport. To date seven successful shows have been staged under the direction of Capt. Keolling, Special Service Officer. The Captain has organized a boxing team and is eager to have outside amateur teams compete against his boys at Fort Slocum. Those interested should contact Capt. Keolling.

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INCIDENTALLY THE RING Editor, Nat Fleischer, made his hundredth appearance at an army camp or hospital since Pearl Harbor with his famous fight films and lecture, when he showed "Kings of the Ring" at Fort Slocum. A few days prior to that, he went up to Pawling, N. Y., at the Air Corps Rehabilitation Center and there his appearance was greeted with an overflow gathering.

Nat's one-man entertainment is one of the best morale builders the servicemen have, judging by the reception accorded him, especially when he starts his boxing quiz. What we need is a few more men like THE RING Editor who will take the time to visit the wounded and the sick with the type of entertainment Nat furnishes.

And here's another about THE RING Editor, one he doesn't like to discuss, but which should be known to RING readers. Out of his own funds, he has supplied thousands of cigarettes and cigars to the boys at the places he has visited, this in addition to boxing equipment which he has donated where needed. He has no service fund, like that over which Mike Jacobs is president, to back him up in his work.

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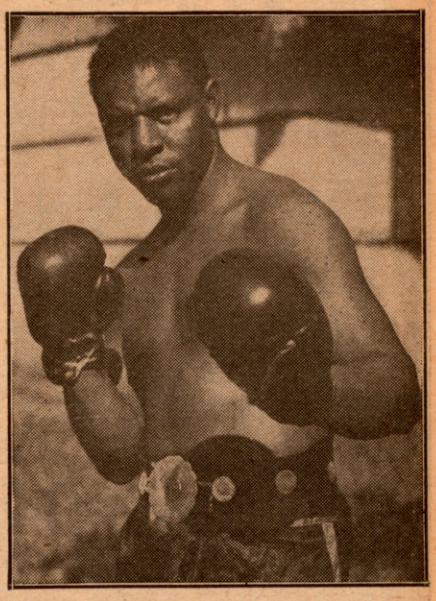
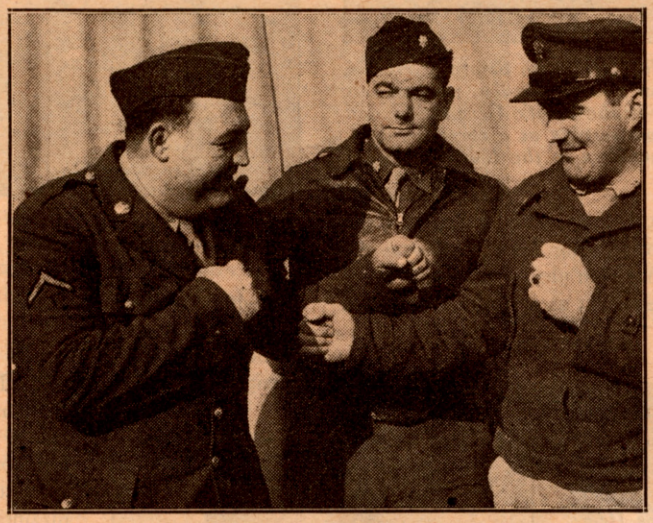
VINNIE Rossano, New York welterweight, who has been overseas for many months, writes from Italy that he has been active as a boxer for the Red Cross, in special exhibitions and in Inter-Allied matches, besides doing his soldiering. Here is his record of bouts in Italy and in Algiers:

Jimmy Morello, exhibition, 3, in Peninsular; Rozzel Williams, Italy; Phil Baker, Italy, won 3; Dixie Fleming, Italy, won 5; Eddie O'Neil, Italy, won 5; John Thomas, Italy, draw 5; Dino Facchi, Italy, won 3; Patsy DiMartino, Italy, K.O., 2; Francisco Barravaro, Italy, draw 5; Omar Koudri, Algiers, lost 10; Sammy Adragna, Italy, won 5; Joe DiMartino, Italy, won 6; Jesse Hoskins, Italy, exhibition, 4; Andy Licari, Italy, exhibition, 3; Mike Frattini, Italy, lost 10; Teti Augusto, Italy, K.O. 8; Sal Arcadi, Italy, K.O. 2; Aldo Malvoni, Italy, exhibition, 3; Bobby Dunn, Italy, K.O. 1, and Wilson Mackay, Italy, won 5.



Pvt. Jesse Dean, winner of the heavyweight title in Inter-Allied tourney in India.



Pfc. Casper LaRosa (left), Major Jesse B. Kritzer and Cpl. John V. Pereira, all of Brooklyn. Major Kritzer is commanding officer of an overseas Air Service Command depot to which all belong. He would like RING *readers to know that his Brooklyn outfit was the first M.P. company to reach the European Theatre of Operations.*

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THEY'RE a fighting family, those Dempseys of Moline, Ill. Three of them donned the padded mitts in the days gone by and gave the fistic fans many a treat. When the war came along, the Dempseys didn't go on the defensive. Typical of them, they took the offensive and went into service. Paul is on the Pacific with the Army. Jackie is some place overseas with the Army. Eddie is in Moline, but the oldest of the Dempseys, Lloyd (Bud), is T/Sgt. in France with the Army's Railway Operations Branch.

Bud, the father of three children, one born just a month ago, has been in the service since December, 1943, and he is the oldest of the boys, too. He did quite a bit of boxing in his day, and he was a good fighter in the ring, the crowd-pleasing type. Then when Eddie and Jackie came along to make their bids in the Golden Gloves, Bud took over their management, taught them the tricks of the trade and had the pleasure of seeing his brothers emerge among the best fighters in their vicinity.

Bud had his gym at the Moline police station, and he worked hard with the boxers in his charge. He had 'em leading with their lefts, countering with their rights and tucking in their chins—and he had a lot of fun teaching 'em. He's in Germany now, probably begging for the chance to put the gloves on with Hitler for Bud would like nothing better than to sink his right hand to Adolf's tummy—right up to the wrist. The Dempseys are rightly proud of their fighting record both in the fighting forces and in the ring.

Commander Gene Tunney, U.S.N.R. (left), with Stanton Griffiths, chairman of the Board of Madison Square Garden, who directs the Red Cross as its commissioner in the Pacific Ocean area, and J. P. Marquand, famous author now serving as a correspondent. The photo was taken somewhere in the Pacific.

ASA STANTON of Davenport, Iowa, who fought for about 10 years under the name of "Young Terry," all over the middlewest, is in the Seabees and has seen plenty of action. Terry was about 36 when he enlisted. He fought as a featherweight and had a couple of hundred bouts.

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S/SGT. PAL MORAN, JR., member of the Catholic Youth Organization and Southern A.A.U. boxing champion, has been decorated overseas for the second time. Moran won the New Orleans *Item* A.A.U. crowns in 1942 and 1943, first as a featherweight and then as a lightweight. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied continental Europe, he received recently a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. His latest citation reads:

"The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Moran is armorer gunner of a B-17 Flying Fortress that has flown on some of the toughest missions of the Eighth Air Force over Germany.

Another New Orleans amateur boxer, Lieut. Bill Klause, former Loyola University football and boxing star, has been cited by the Navy for the rescue of seamen from a Liberty Ship, the *John A. Johnson,* sunk in the Pacific by an enemy submarine.

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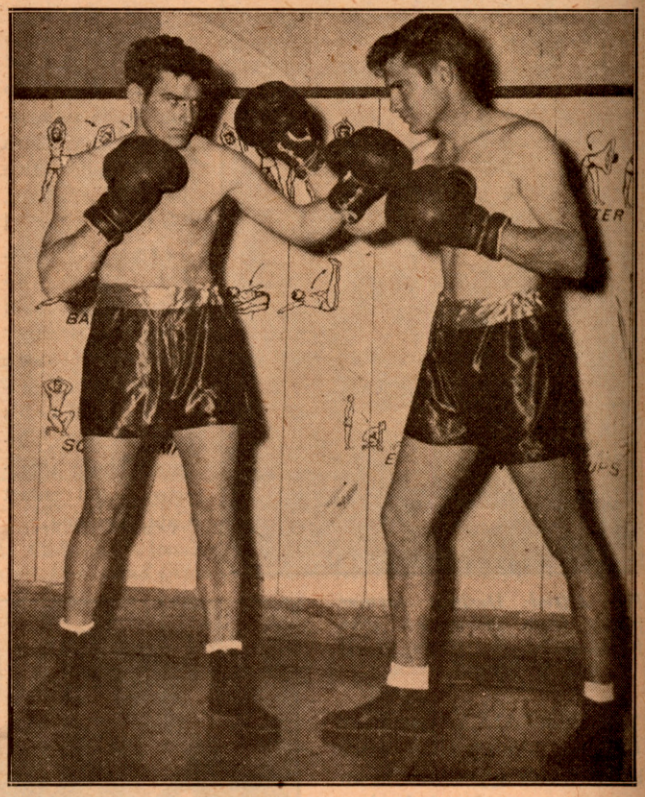
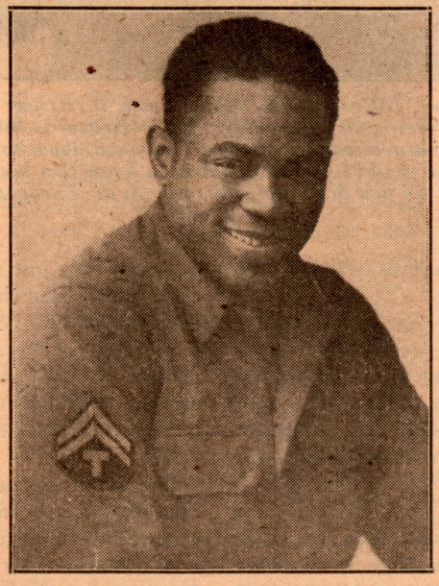
FREDDIE DAWSON is another of the many star boxers who have been discharged from the Army or Navy because of some minor ailment and who have resumed boxing. Rather strange that such men should not be given some clerical work in the service instead of being sent back into civilian life while other service men with three or more years in uniform, cannot even get a furlough from overseas!



The Voudouris twins, Irwin (left), and Irvin, who do their fighting at Smoky Hill Army Air Field in Kansas.

The list of such discharged men is rapidly rising and includes among others such stars as Ray Robinson, Jimmy Bivins, Ike Williams, Bobby Ruffin, Harold Green, Danny Bartfield and Freddie Archer, all big money makers in boxing. It pays these days to have a busted eardrum or head dizziness that lasts while one is in the service, but seems to disappear when the poor chap is back as a civilian, or inaptitude for the Army as in the case of one of the greatest fighters of today.



T/S Louis H. Major of New York City, a boxer with a good record who is now overseas with the 649th Port Co., APO 228. Major expects to resume his fistic career after we have conquered our enemies.

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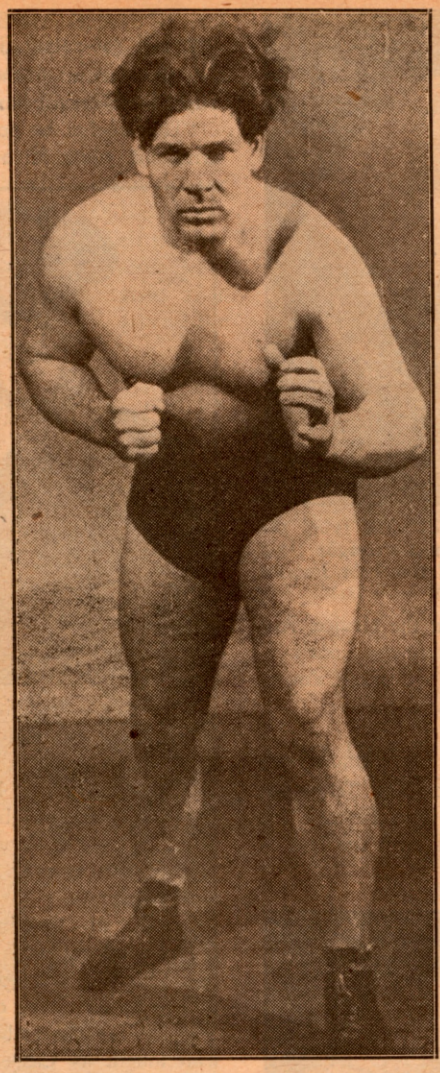
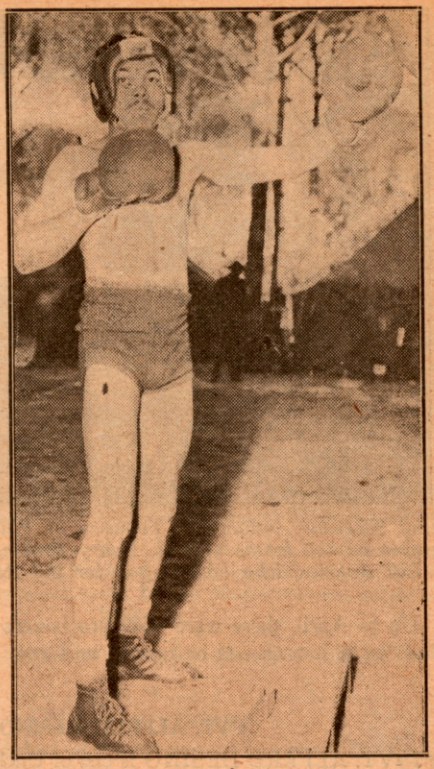
SGT. WALTER BANTUM of Baltimore writes from overseas that he would like to have this corner keep his sector of Southern France in the fistic spotlight as we are doing for other localities in the combat areas. He compliments Sgt. Bill Baranoff for the splendid shows he has been putting on for entertainment in France. He also says that he has a mystery to solve. He has been receiving THE RING and wants to know if some relative is sending it to him or has Nat Fleischer placed him on the subscription list. Perhaps the Sergeant will have his mystery solved after this has been read by his friends.

George Akers (Asimakis) who is known as the Fighting Greek.



Nick Olson, the Bode, Iowa, heavyweight pro wrestler, who, after his return from a South American tour, was drafted into the Navy.



Lloyd L. Virdure, featherweight, who is an aviation engineer.

In Italy—Don Wallenfang, Milwaukee, Wis., welterweight from Ray Heling's stable, writes that things are dull and that there is very little doing in boxing at present. "Perhaps things will pick up in the spring," writes Don.

Guam—George Feltes, middleweight Navy boxer, also from Heling's stable, is now at Guam where he puts on the gloves whenever time permits. He stages exhibitions for his pals, now and then. His manager, Ray, is at Fort Wright.

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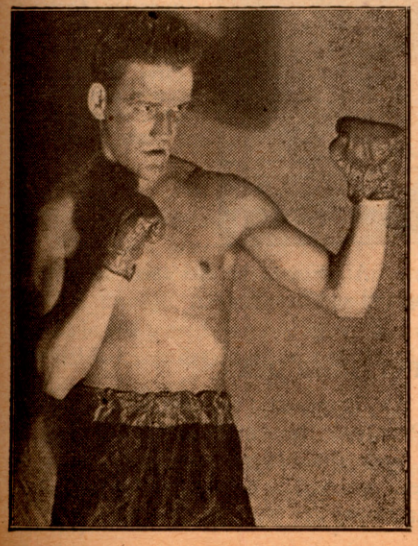
AL TRIBUANI, who hails from Philadelphia, is not only an excellent boxer with a splendid record, but is a soldier in the combat zone. He is now somewhere in Germany, according to a letter received by THE RING Editor a few weeks ago. He is with General Patton's Third Army and hopes to be in Berlin by the time this issue reaches the stands.

Al was awarded the Bronze Star for aiding four wounded comrades on the battlefield and also was given the Combat Infantry Badge. He comes from a fighting family. Three brothers are in the service. Ralph is stationed at Fort Dix temporarily, Dino, the youngest, is a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division, fighting in the Philippines, and Lambert died three years ago while in the service of his country.

Hank Kidwell, welterweight from Newark, Ohio, was wounded in action in Europe and is now recuperating at the Dayton, Ohio, Veterans' Hospital.



Marcus Lockman (left) preparing for a tune up with Shelton Bell with Swede Hanson, as referee.

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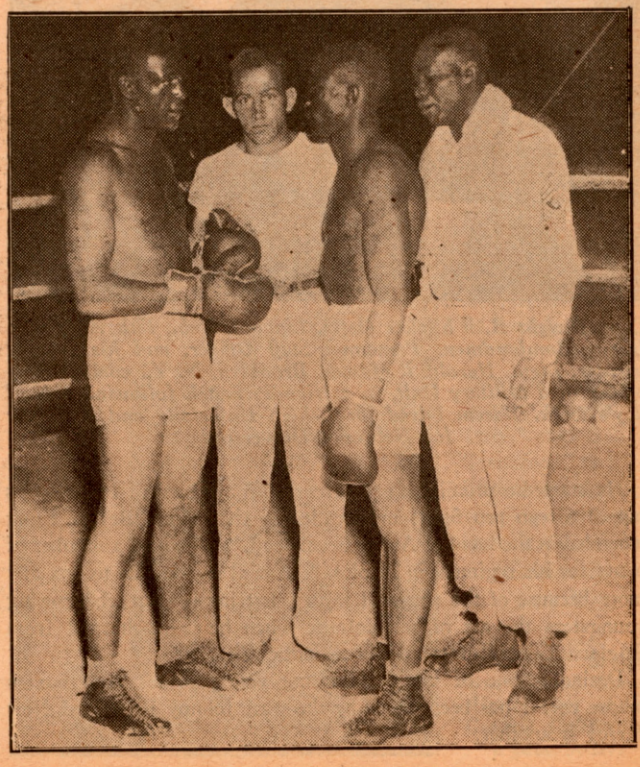
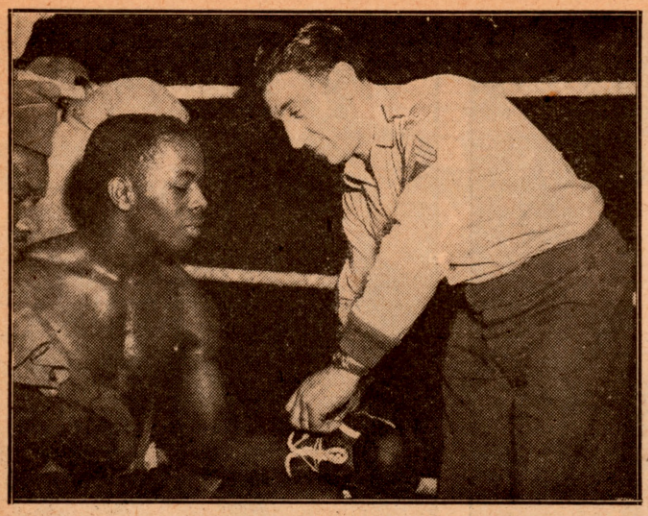
Coast Guardsman Joe Shiry, a good heavyweight prospect who hails from Pittsburgh, Pa. Joe is at the Receiving Station at San Francisco.





Staff Sergeant Anthony C. Tomasco of Philadelphia, tying the gloves on the hands of Cpl. Henry Brown, welterweight from Los Angeles, who boxes often for the Red Cross in Italy.

Up to April, there were 4689 pro boxers in the service. And now for a few reports on men in uniform:

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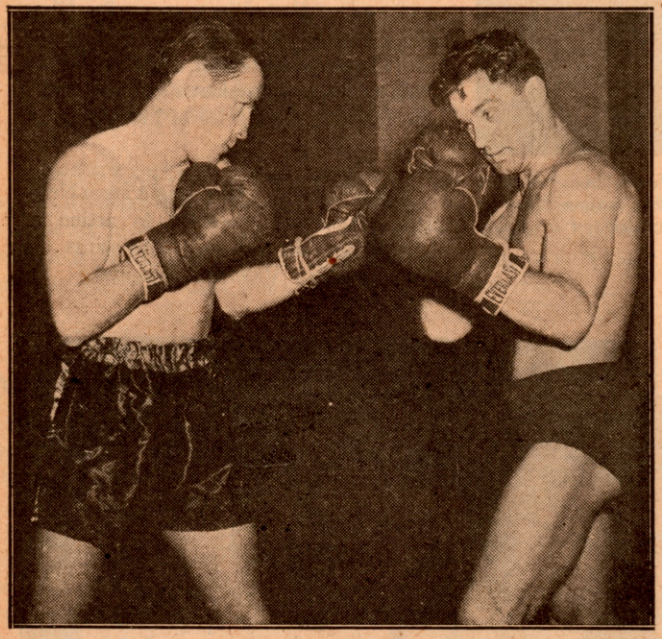
PVT. ALFRED DESINO

PVT. ALFRED DESINO is one of Uncle Sam's infantrymen of the Third Division, but to fight fans of New Jersey, he was known as "Al Lombardi," featherweight from Newark. He participated in more than forty amateur bouts with the loss of only four.



Capt. Dwight R. Whitaker (left), Lincoln, Neb., 15th Air Force Heavy Bombardment Personnel Staff Officer, and his soaring partner, Lieut. Harold J. Masem, Brooklyn, N. Y., commanding officer of a Military Unit, in a friendly match following a hard day's work. Masem boxed for Lehigh University and Whitaker for Nebraska University.

He started a promising pro career with a record of twelve wins out of fifteen pro fights until called to the colors. Before being wounded in the hand at Anzio Beachhead, "Al" boxed a number of bouts for his regiment in Naples. "Al" will not be able to box any more because of the shrapnel injury, but hopes to teach growing youngsters the art of self-defense when he is discharged from England General Hospital in Atlantic City.

Desino is one of many promising young professional boxers whose career has been ended by the war. Johnny Rohrig of New Jersey is another.

CASPER LaROSA

THE 235-pound G.I.—"the roundest man I've ever seen," as the fellow in the ring said cockily—climbed through the ropes in makeshift boxing trunks.

"This oughta be good," said a ringsider. It was. The husky, trim-built youth came in fast to meet his roly-poly opponent, but

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Cpl. Johnny Kern, St. Paul light-heavyweight, who is the boxing instructor at Selfridge Air Field in Michigan.

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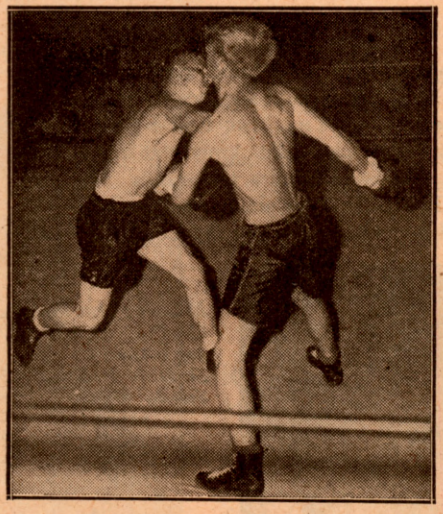
left the ring a few minutes later—the victim of a jarring left jab and a murderous right cross. He's had a boxing lesson he won't forget for a while.

That was the first lesson that Pfc. Casper LaRosa of Brooklyn gave to the members of a Military Police company stationed at an Army Air Service Command depot in England, who have taken up boxing as an important part of their training and physical fitness program.

LaRosa, who lives in Brooklyn, is a member of the company that guards vital air corps installations and planes at this giant depot where bombers and fighters are modified, repaired and made ready for the final air blitz on Germany.

Sports fans remember him as the flashy Brooklyn welterweight who fought as Casper LaRosa and beat such men as Walter Woods, the Cocoa Kid, Sonny Jones, Milton Shivers and Frankie Petrolle. He drew with Jimmy Lito, Bucky Jones and Joe Rossi, and met other topnotchers like Ceferino Garcia, Billy Petrolle, Freddie Apostoli and Harry Balsalmo.



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Marine Pfc. William H. Smith of Bellingham, Wash., connects with a hard right to the jaw of Pvt. Stewart H. Watts of Plaquemine, La., in a bout for the fly-weight title of the First Marine Division which Smith won, somewhere in the Pacific.

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Since joining the Army Air Forces he has spent ten months overseas in Ireland, England and Scotland.

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PVT. JESSE DEAN

THE Persia Indian Air Transport Command Base in Asia is mighty proud of Pvt. Jesse Dean of Port Huron, Michigan, who recently brought back the heavyweight championship of India to that field. Dean received a handsome engraved silver championship belt and a trophy for winning the title.

Dean, a light-heavyweight, weighing 178 pounds, and 5 feet 9 inches tall, had to spot his opponents 25 to 50 pounds, in addition to height, yet came through. His opponents in the semi-finals and finals weighed 230, 198 and 240, respectively. To date he is undefeated in his last twelve bouts.

According to Dean, fighting under British Marquis of Queensberry rules, proved mighty difficult for him. Six-ounce gloves were used, no bandages were permitted the fighter and the referee was outside the ring. In addition he was warned that all punches must be landed with the front part of the gloved fist, and refractions against this ruling would result in disqualification after three warnings. This upset Dean, but he managed to survive the preliminary bouts and then won the crown.

Dean will enter the pro ranks after the war. He has his eyes on the light-heavyweight championship of the world, says the fighter.

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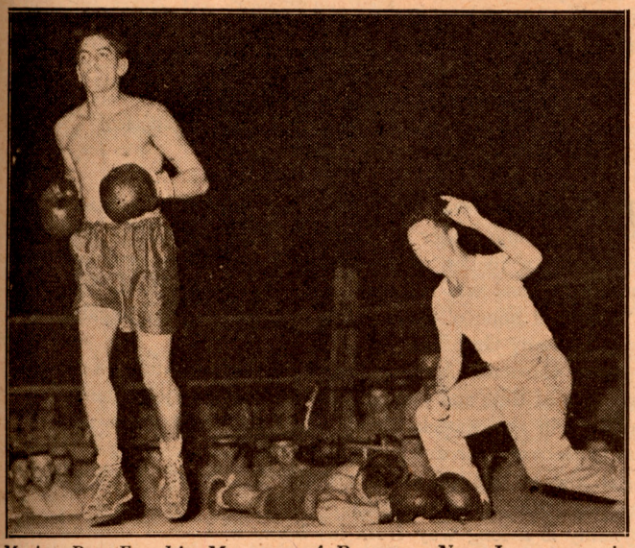
VOUDOURIS TWINS

IT'S confusing when the Voudouris twins, Irwin (left) and Irvin, of Austin, Texas, step into the ring during the boxing shows at Smoky Hill Army Air Field in Kansas. The identical



Marine Pvt. Frankie Marrone of Boonton, New Jersey, scoring a knockout in championship fights in the Pacific area.

twins have provided many a thrilling moment for Smoky Hill fight fans during their exhibitions.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Voudouris of Austin, they leave their filial attachments behind when they climb through the ropes. In nine encounters to date, Irwin has won three times, Irvin has two victories and four of their bouts have ended in draw decisions.

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GEORGE AKERS

GEORGE AKERS (ASIMAKIS), who has done considerable boxing on the West Coast where he is dubbed the Fighting Greek, has had 122 bouts as a professional, including among his opponents, Ceferino Garcia, to whom he lost in five rounds. The Greek enlisted before Pearl Harbor and has seen action in the Pacific for many months.

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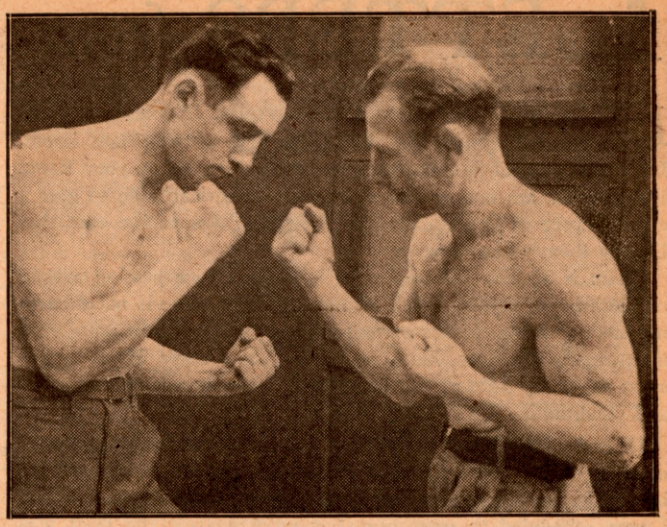
NICK OLSON

THE Navy has gained a splendid athlete in Nick Olson, the Bode, Iowa, heavyweight wrestler who has just returned from a successful tour of South America that lasted three years. Olson travelled through Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Chile and scored many victories. He reports that much good material is being developed in the wrestling field in those countries.

When he finished his tour he went to Panama where he was inducted into the Navy. On his recent trip he won the tourney in Chile in 1942, that in Peru in 1943 and also one in Ecuador and last year he carried off the honors in Peru and Colombia. In South America wrestling is staged in seasonal tourneys.



Cpl. Chris "Tiger" Verges (left), Los Angeles, middleweight, now in Air Force, met Kid Frattini in Italy in 1935 and in 1938 in the States. Here they meet again in the Mediterranean sector in Italy.

Olson hopes to be made a wrestling and judo instructor in Uncle Sam's Navy.

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LLOYD F. VIRDURE

Pvt. Lloyd F. Virdure of Baton Rouge, La., poses during his training for this picture. A truck driver in his veteran Aviation Engineer battalion which builds air bases for our great air fleets in the Mediterranean theater, his first love is boxing.

A featherweight, he finds it hard to meet worthy opponents and therefore must fight over his weight in many bouts. Among his many opponents he has fought the lightweight champion of France in North Africa, and although losing to him, he performed very creditably. His fine polished boxing in the ring has made an outstanding name for him.

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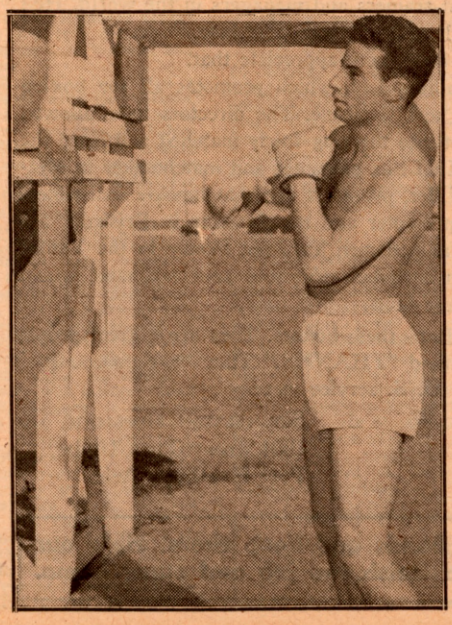
ANTHONY C. TOMASCO

STAFF SGT. ANTHONY C. TOMASCO of Philadelphia, Pa., mess sergeant for a Depot Repair squadron with the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy, is a referee at boxing bouts sponsored by Special Services and the Red Cross for servicemen and women of the Allied Forces. The training and promoting record of S/Sgt. Tomasco in the boxing field is a long and eventful one. Before entering the service, he trained Midget Wolgast, flyweight champion of the world; Harry Little and Terry Smith. In 1943, while in the service, S/Sgt. Tomasco trained Joe Penta, a middleweight, and Johnny Hudleson, a heavyweight, for the boxing tournament between Army and Navy at Kelly Field, Texas. Both of these fighters walked off with the championship in their respective classes. In the North African and Italian theatres of war, he has promoted boxing bouts.



"The men who take part in the boxing events in Italy," said S/Sgt. Tomasco, "have little actual time for training. Still they have demonstrated

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S/Sgt. Peter J. Florito of Brooklyn, Marine Corps Air Station at El Centro, California, a good boxer.

LETTERS *from Our* READERS

I SPENT nearly three years in Australia, I have been home now several months. In reading several of your late issues, I find that several fighters from Australia are rated in your RING. I feel that I am one or rather the only American able to give a clear picture of the situation in Australia, due to the fact that I know them all personally.

There is a Jack Johnson, who is given a nice placing among our lightheavyweights. Well let me inform you, he is not deserving such a rating. In his periodic fights, he beats men who were never really top class. He is no hitter in any sense. He is a constant run-away fighter, and in meeting a fair boxer with a punch and conditioning, he is easily beaten.

He definitely refused to fight me, and I'm not in the last columns of ratings. Also there is a Jack MacNamee, who is mentioned. He is a flashy back-peddler who'll beat nothing of class here at home. I was scheduled to meet him, but unfortunately the fight was cancelled.

You do give ratings to the lightheavyweight whom I fought and beat, named ALABAMA KID, who is from America, and has lived in Australia now for seven years or more. I do say he is good and can lick anything over there when in condition.

TODAY, there are several fighters in Australia worthy of consideration and rating—VIC PATRICK, TOMMY BURNS and ALAN WESTBURY, those three. Vic Patrick is the lightweight and welterweight champion. He is a good young fighter. He is a southpaw with a mighty punch and is rugged. He should be within our top six of world rating. He would give ARMSTRONG (my good friend) a severe pasting anytime, and many others of repute listed by you.

TOMMY BURNS is a dream fighter, a welterweight and really a beautiful piece of fighting humanity. He is a boxer of almost perfection and a dynamic puncher. I have seen our best, and this kid really deserves rating. He is handsome, quiet and unassuming. He would be a gold mine if he ever hits here.

Westbury is a middleweight, and in condition or not, he'd give our best champ the fight of his life. Rugged and as game as a horse, with plenty of guts and stamina, he'd be one of our proud topnotchers.

Well I have spoken wisely and truthfully. I do think we should give our Allies their just do. They are treating the American fighters well in Australia and making it a home away from home for us all.

And I'm sure that Jim Jamieson, Bill McConnell, Jack Donleavy, Merv Sweeney and Tex Rickard would love to see their names mentioned in this much cherished magazine over there. I honestly feel that BILL McCONNELL could easily be acclaimed one of the best trainers and managers in the world. He's smart, ambitious and honest—a true sportsman.

Lots of Americans over there appreciate that.

There is also a Stadium Ltd. which promotes all the boxing in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. The directors have allowed numerous Yanks to get into the ring fairly matched and learn the angles of the game. Mr. Lean, promoter and matchmaker in Melbourne; Mr. Harry Miller, promoter and matchmaker in Sydney, and Mr. Bert Potts, promoter and matchmaker in Brisbane, are real sports. All these named men have put money in the Yanks' pocket, and given him a chance. I'm sure your magazine would proudly appreciate these facts.

They are proud to do us these honors. They are a great people and deserve our unlimited "THANKS." They have gone out of their way to help the U. S. service men.

SGT. ALSTON HOOSMAN,
Back from Down Under,
Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Buy More War Bonds and keep them. Help our boys overseas to finish the job and come home.

BEING an ardent "RING" fan for a long number of years I felt it would be of interest to you to know of the exploits of Steve Belloise, former middleweight contender, whose pugilistic history needs no reviewing to you. Steve's present stamping ground is in the Admiralty Island area in the capacity of Chief Petty Officer, Director of Athletics. In addition to his duties, Steve presents exhibition boxing bouts and is always available for pointers to ambitious fellows who some day hope to aspire to pugilistic fame.

In my opinion, which is shared by thousands of others, Steve has no equal in the field of morale building. Steve has developed a flair for the theater and his work as Master of Ceremonies of a number of shows that Steve himself presented, brought joyous acclaim from thousands. His repertoire of jokes brought tears of laughter from guys who couldn't receive a better tonic.

No kidding, Nat, Steve should go down as one of the pugilistic greats who have given their all in the war effort.

It is my firm belief and recommendation that all efforts should be made for Steve to display his versatile talents to men in the armed services both overseas and in the states. This is not an individual belief but it is shared by countless others.

S/SGT. DAVID BUCKBINDER,
A.P.O. No. 324, San Francisco, Cal.

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THE little guy was bent over a jeep stove, his hands soaked in the boiling water of a helmet filled with dirty wash. He looked like a jockey who had just come out second best in a photo finish and was taking it out on a handkerchief, G.I. issue.

"Can't get none-o' these dames here to do your laundry," explained Jimmy Garofalo.

Jimmy Garofalo! A name that rings a familiar tune in the passing years of time and yet, a name lost in memory, so unimportant out here in the wastelands of death and destruction where all that matters is your army job and what you are doing to further fasten the strings of doom around the throat of the gasping, gurgling supermen—the Nazis.

Jimmy is a long way from his home in Lodi, California, and even though 11 years have elapsed since the little guy with the cauliflower ear last shuffled his shoes in ring resin, the spark of recognition lights in his eyes as he turns back the calendar to the 1928-1934 era when he tangled left hooks with the best the featherweight division had to offer.

The records won't show it and you can take it for what it's worth, but Garafalo holds a nine-round technical knockout over Henry Armstrong when the latter was knocking around the country as Melody Jackson and fighting to keep the wolf from the door.

He exchanged leather with Joe Glick, Baby Arizmendi, Frankie Wolfram, Richie Fontaine, Jimmy Rankin, Abie Israel, Pete Sanstol, Claude Varner and Everette Rightmire among others, in a career that saw Jimmy engage in over 200 ring contests.

"There was nothing in my ring career that compared to this fight," said the little guy.

Formerly a machine gunner with the 10th Infantry Battalion, Garofalo is now a dispatcher with the 144th Armored Signal Company of the 4th Armored Division. He holds three campaign stars for his ETO ribbon and recently received the Certificate of Merit when the famous 4th smashed into Von Runstedt's southern flank to check the German break-through around besieged Bastogne.

When the history of this war is written into the archives, the 4th Armored Division will take its place high on the list of divisions that helped roll back the Nazi hordes and bring a just peace to a world wracked with fever of war.

Jimmy Garofalo is one of the little guys helping to write the story.

CPL. MEYER ACKERMAN,
4th Armored Division—Somewhere in Germany.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By JACK KANE

HARTFORD—Lige Drew, 151, Springfield, won in ten rounds from Henry Jordan, 145, Philadelphia, in the feature bout at the Auditorium. Drew, a very classy performer, showed flashes of real ability but through lack of sustained attack, allowed the aggressive Jordan to work his way into the sympathies of the crowd and there was much divided opinion as to the merits of the referee's decision. He gave Drew a 48-44 point margin and scored four rounds for him, two for Jordan and two even. It seems that Jordan was not at all badly treated in this analysis but the controversy sets up a good rematch.

The semi-final of eight rounds was won by Diogenes Leon, 127½, New York, over Jerry Darby, 130½, Jamaica. It was a listless bout most of the way. Nick Stato, 132, Springfield, was the winner in six rounds over Joey Wasnick, 129, New Haven.

Stato, a recent addition to Bill Gore's training group, is a boy of rugged makeup, but Gore will work miracles if he can take him into the big money of the boxing game. The balance of the card was made up of three semi-pro bouts filled with action such as the pros do give, and showed. Henry Polowitzer, at 121, hailing from East Hartford, won on a T.K.O. from the baby-faced Bud Fabrie, 119, bantam. The referee stopped this bout. Red Flynn, 132, Southington, boxed his third draw in three weeks in his bout with Ernie Welik, bantam. Welik weighing 135, looked very good for a boy making his first appearance in the ring. The third bout in this class showed Ray Laurie, 149, Hartford, winning in three rounds from Allen O'Dell, 150, bantam. Laurie was given a rough time, but managed to scrape through with the close win, which was his sixth in the semi-pro ranks. The gross receipts were $2166.60.

Hartford Auditorium—George "Red" Doty, 153, Hartford, won a ten-round decision from Mario Miscelli, 156½, New Haven, after losing four of the first five rounds. Doty as usual would not take a chance. He started to work in the last five rounds and had Miscelli in trouble during each, but failed to apply the finisher and had to be content with a 47-44 point verdict instead of a possible knockout win.

Nick Stato, 134, Springfield, kept his win streak intact by winning in six rounds from the old reliable Freddy Polowitzer, 133, East Hartford. Stato was a fortunate boy because Polowitzer after flooring him in the first round and also winning rounds two and three, ran out of gas and lost the last three rounds and his chance of winning. The final pro bout on the card was a win for Jimmy Mazzio, 149, of Passaic, New Jersey, over Red Ford, 143, Bridgeport, whom he knocked out in the first round of a scheduled six-round contest.

The balance of the card was made up of four semi-pro bouts and was good for plenty of sustained action. The bouts as follows were: Ray Cashman, 125, Middletown, winning a three-round decision from Henry Polowitzer, 124, East Hartford. Ernie Welik, 133, bantam, won a three-round verdict over Phil Ireland, 133, Hartford. Eddie Drake, 122, Meriden, and Joe Corso, 124, Hartford, drew in three rounds and Ray Laurie, 146, Hartford, decisioned Ray McArthur, 143, Middletown, in three rounds. All of the boys who boxed in these bouts look like prospects for future progress in the professional ranks. Ray Cashman and Ernie Welik are especially good looking and are gifted with natural left hands, which are so necessary in reaching the top. A crowd of 1300 persons paid a gross gate of $2300.

Hartford—George "Red" Doty, 151, Hartford won on a T.K.O. at 2:13 of the second round over Jimmy Mazzio, 150, Passaic, N. J. It was a poor match, which showed a willing but unschooled slugger, who had nothing to offer but courage and a big target, boxing a man, who is a real tiger against lesser opponents, whom he has no reason to fear. Mazzio gamely led the fight to his sorrow because Doty hit him with two or three good punches in the first round and really lowered the boom on Mazzio in the second round. He dropped Mazzio twice with hard left hooks in short order and then sent him down for the third time, with a series of hard punches, which prompted Referee Louis "Kid" Kaplan to call a halt to the one-sided bout.

Nick Stato, 134, Springfield, won his tenth in a row, stopping Jesse James, 129½, of New York, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Stato's opponent looked to be very much younger and could not stand up under the heavy body punishment which was dealt him. Stato did not look any too good, however, and needs a deal of polish.

Frankie Curry, 132, Brooklyn southpaw, pleased the crowd with the manner of his performance in winning by a knockout over Russ Bernstein, 136, Springfield, in the third round of a listed six-round bout.

Four semi-pro bouts rounded out the show and seemed to be making a decided hit with the crowd. The bouts were as follows: Johnny Ludlow, 169, New Britain, won a three-round decision from Georgie Lee, 165, Hartford. Carey Mace, 118, won on a knockout in the third round over Bud Fabrie, 117, bantam. Ken York, 187, New Haven, won by a knockout in the first round over Tony Julian, 205, bantam. Ernie Welik, 132, bantam, boxed to a three-round draw, with Joey Corso, 129, Hartford. The show attracted 1469 people and a gross gate of $2345.30. The crowd also contributed $154.20 to a collection for the Red Cross war fund.

Hartford—Johnny Cesario, 138, Hartford, won a decision in ten rounds from Baby Sims, 143, New York. The bout, which was Cesario's thirty-first victory without a defeat, was to be the acid test of his ability to go into faster company, but it proved to be little more than a more or less one-sided win for him. Sims after a first round, which was more or less a feeler, came out in the second round prepared to go to town with Cesario having the same ideas. They proceeded to put on a good punching exhibition. Going into the final second, Sims was on the floor from a hard right hand and there he rested at the count of four, when the bell ended the session. The remaining rounds found Cesario pressing in with much vigor but slight success. He won the decision easily and decisively, thus proving himself as master of Sims but little else. He has not as yet found the old form of pre-Navy days.

The next bout, a six, found one Mariano Pacceco, 133, Puerto Rico, winning in two rounds from Johnny Rolax, 134, New York, and the less said about this one the better. The next, a scheduled six, was victory number twelve, without defeat, for Nick Stato, 133, Springfield, over Jimmy Allen, 131, Philadelphia, and was a one-round affair, being stopped by the referee due to Allen's inability or unwillingness to fight. Stato may be a good fighter, but any fighter is good if his opponent won't fight or is not allowed to fight. Let's see Stato against some more rugged opposition.

The amateur bouts which saved what there was to save of a rather dismal matchmaking effort, at least produced some legitimate action. Pat Vendrillo, 176, Manchester won on a T.K.O. from Ken York, 188, New Haven, in the first round. Vendrillo, a soldier on furlough, hit the inexperienced but heavier York with swinging left hooks and floored him twice, but York got to his feet each time. Vendrillo then dropped him with a right hand and the bout was stopped, when York appeared to have injured his ankle.

The next amateur bout brought together two boys whose boxing careers have been a succession of bouts, with themselves as opponents. It was their fifth meeting and Ray Laurie, 145, Hartford, finally established at least temporary superiority by a knockout win over Ray McArthur, 144, Middletown, in the second round. The other four meetings were all very close, but in this bout McArthur was on the receiving end of too many hard punches. He failed to take the count after being floored on two occasions and this led to his undoing. Jerry Gagnon, 143, Bristol, won a decision in three rounds from John Washington, Jr., 144, Hartford, in a hard-fought battle, which saw both boys get off the floor gamely.

The final semi-pro bout was win number six for Ray Cashman, 127, Middletown, over Red Flynn, 131, Southington. Cashman, a slight and deceptive baby-faced kid looks very good and will be a good boy if he is handled properly. The best crowd of the current season, 1684 people, contributed a gross gate of $2727.60.

Hartford—Henry Jordan, 145, Philadelphia, won a fight but lost the decision, in his ten-round bout with young Art Robinson, 148, Pittsburgh. It was the main bout at the Auditorium, and a hard-fought, bruising affair. Robinson won the fans' support by his game stand and a furious last-round rally and received a 45-44-point decision. Jordan, however, won six of the ten rounds and had Robinson in constant trouble. Robinson fought the last five rounds with his left eye tightly closed. He took a good lacing most of the way and was lucky to go the distance.

Bobby Polowitzer, 128, East Hartford, won a six-round decision, in his bout with Earl Mintz, 130, New York. It was a pleasing and hard-fought bout and a good win for young Bobby over the veteran Mintz. Mintz's superior boxing ability saved him from a knockout. The remaining pro bout on the card, which was listed for six, failed to materialize. One contestant reported ill and no substitute was available.

The semi-pro bouts were as usual good for plenty of sustained action. Carey Mace, 121, Hartford, came back, in the last of three rounds to gain a draw with his fellow-townsman, Baby Sims, 120, Hartford. Henry Polowitzer, 126, East Hartford, also boxed to a draw, with Red Flynn, 128, Southington, in three rounds. Flynn started to jab his way to an easy victory, but Polowitzer finally bulled his way inside and punished Red around the body to get a draw for his efforts.

Phil Ireland, 138, Hartford, won a three-round decision from Al Cero, 140, Holyoke, in a close, well-fought bout. The final bout in the semi-pro class was a victory for Ray Laurie, 148, Hartford, over Phil Delnero, 150, Holyoke. Laurie's experience prevailed over Delnero's aggressiveness and the bout was well received by the crowd. The turnout, 1300, was smaller than usual, but the bouts were the best of the past month.

The two major developments in the Connecticut boxing picture during the past month are the appointment of Charley Brown as matchmaker at the large New Haven Arena and the second, the return of champion Willie Pep to civilian togs via the medical discharge route. Brown, a capable and veteran boxing figure in the East, is faced with a tough task, but can succeed if given the proper cooperation by the Arena board of strategy. It is a sad and very dismal commentary on boxing and matchmaking, when a spot as well equipped to handle the sport as the Arena, can draw $3800 gates for the wrestling exhibitions and cannot produce a satisfactory boxing show. I look for improvement under Brown's seasoned hand.

Willie Pep's return brings chortles of glee from all concerned. He has really been the life blood of Connecticut boxing for the past three or four years. The matchmakers are assured of four- and five-figure houses with him as an attraction. The commission jumps with joy as their books will have another run of black figures as a top selling point for holding their jobs, when new appointments come soon and Willie, a victim of the professional athlete craze, will get his proper chance to go into the records as one of the greatest little men of all time, in boxing.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

GUS MELL, blonde Montreal youngster who wears the Canadian featherweight crown, is now the toast of Boston ring fandom. Three months ago he clicked as a $125 prelim fighter in Beantown then he got $971 to whip Vince Dell 'Orto, who subbed for Lulu Costantino. Following that, he received $1521 to lick Benny Singleton, after which he had his epoch making fights with Jerry Zullo. The first one was a terrific upset with Zullo getting to Mell before he got started and scoring a startling one-round knockout. Mell came back to batter Zullo out in five rounds in convincing fashion before a $13,671 house.

Mell's classy boxing and sharp hitting was in evidence when he started his career a little more than a year and a half ago in a $25 fight in St. James Market Hall and we have often pegged him as a rare prospect and a sure-fire comer. He is still a long ways from his peak and now, at 133 pounds, is headed for rating with topflight lightweights.

Tommy Murray was a victim of inefficient officiating when he battled Norman See in the main bout of a card at the St. James Market Hall. Fighting like a wildcat, Murray battered See all over the ring, into a neutral corner, where he punched him into semi-consciousness. Desperately grabbing for a clinch, the dazed See tried to clutch Murray but the Irishman shoved him away roughly and See (all at sea) practically collapsed on the ropes. Murray cut loose with a volley of blows and See sagged through the ropes, out over the apron and dangled head first with one foot hooked around the lower rope. Murray, seeing his plight, instinctively kicked at his tangled foot, missed it but struck the rope. The rope bounced and See's foot came off and he slid into waiting arms completely kayoed. All this while the referee was standing by gazing at this dramatic tableau. Then he waved Murray aside and got out of the ring to help the prostrate See. Murray meanwhile paced round and round the ring until the referee came back and announced that he was disqualifying Murray for "pushing and kicking See out of the ring," a verdict that didn't go well with the fans.

In the other scheduled eight-rounder Johnny Bouffard of Quebec, scored a surprising two-round knockout over Jerry Lavigne, who was certainly not up to his usual form, which could be attributed to his being hit a palpably low blow with the first punch of the fight that floored him. Lavigne boxed his way out of trouble for the remainder of the round then opened up in the second, seemingly had Bouffard going, then in the wide-open slugging was caught flush on the chin with a haymaker.

Dave "Killer" Viau showed his colorful wares in scoring a four-round knockout over Guy Lemieux in the top prelim. It was a tough, gruelling fight while it lasted. Tony Morin stopped game Roger Bourre in five heats. Yvon Dagenais showed improved form in outwalloping tough Leo Duchesne of Shawinigan Falls in four. Dagenais is a fine prospect but he has temporarily quit the ring as he left recently for overseas duty in the Merchant Navy.

Stray Shots . . . Wilfe Shanks, honeymooning with his bride at his folks' ranch in Alberta, was laid low by the mumps for a week. . . . He gained his strength quickly and has been hauling lumber to toughen up for a campaign he figures to start next month. . . .probably as a light-heavy. . . . Dave Castilloux, still yearning to get Johnny Greco into the ring, has started training with his injured hand okay now. . . . Jean Barriere gained in popularity in Boston by flattening Tommy Moore in five rounds in semi-final to Mell-Zullo. . . . He stopped Al Freda in five rounds but was outpointed by Chili Valencia, peppery Mexican, in a tough ten-rounder in Detroit. . . . Florian Bibeau was kayoed in nine by Fernando Gagnon at Quebec.

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SO. JERSEY, DELAWARE AND PENNA. COAL REGION NOTES

By ARCHIE PIROLLI

PEDRO FIRPO, 130, again outpointed Bob Smith, 129, in ten torrid rounds of slugging, at the Camden A.C. This was the third meeting of these sluggers in the past two months, and contrary to the usual pattern of return matches, every bout gets better. Firpo again got the nod. The score to date, one draw and two in favor of Smith.

In the eight-round semi, Charley Fusari, 141, knocked out Jimmy Dowell, 142. In the sixes, Buddy Freeman, 139, scored a T.K.O. over Willie Smith, 137; Gus Robinson, 150, knocked out Dave Holtz, 144; and Tim McCarthy, 137, outpointed Jimmy Reed, 142, in the four-round opener.

Other Camden A.C. results: Jersey Joe Wolcott, 195, Merchantville, decisioned Johnny Allen, 204, Philadelphia, in eight rounds. Austin Johnson, Atlantic City, drew with Henry Jones, 200, Newark, six rounds; Al Carubia, 150, Astoria, L. I., decisioned Georgie Holden, 149, Philadelphia, 6 rounds; Joe Blackwood, 152, Paterson, decisioned Chicken Thompson, 160, Philadelphia, 6 rounds. Tim McCarthy, 145, Camden, decisioned Jimmy Redd, 141, Camden, four rounds.

Austin Johnson, 184, Atlantic City, knocked out Oscar Goode, 175, Newark, in the fourth round; Al Carubia, Astoria, L. I., knocked out Baudelio Valencia, 151, Mexico, in the fourth round; Sandy Saddler, 126, New York, T.K.O. over Geo. Knox, 127, Newark, in the fourth round; Larney Mosely, 134, Philadelphia, knocked out Gene Rhodes, 137, Philadelphia, in the fourth round, and Charley Hilton, 154, Philadelphia, decisioned Pedro Flores, 152, Philadelphia, in four rounds.

Pedro Firpo, 129, Camden, decisioned Bob Smith, 128, Philadelphia, in ten rounds. Al Sterling, Trenton, decisioned Jimmy Jones, 144, in six rounds, and Rudy Franklin, 162, decisioned Ralph Dougherty, 166, Paterson, in six rounds.

Pep Barrone, Allentown sportsman, is the new promoter in Allentown and is ready for open air shows. "Pep" will bring high class talent to that city. He is widely-known in Philadelphia and New York City.

Camden Notes: Pedro Firpo is still the best attraction in Camden. However, the local promoters are using him too often and killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. Eddie Prince, probably the best trainer in Camden in the old days, is back with us again with a good bantam named Vince Laurio and a fair lightweight, Al Brown. Gus Robinson, Camden welterweight star of a few years back, is staging a comeback, despite the advice of veteran ringmen to forget the ring. Jersey Joe Wolcott has returned to the ring and is doing well. Felix Bocchichio is one promoter who really deserves credit and a break for he has spent plenty of money and valuable time in building the game around here. He is putting on good shows and the fans are showing their appreciation. Young fighters who are looking for an opportunity should get in touch with him.

Billy Fox, Philly middleweight star, is doing well under Uncle Sam's banner at Camp McClellan. He won the light-heavyweight championship of Ft. McClellan, scoring three knockouts and a win over Aaron Perry of Washington, D. C.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

SAN ANTONIO—Arturo Godoy, the Chilean heavyweight, who twice fought champion Joe Louis for the heavyweight crown, displayed his wares to San Antonio fans, who jammed the big auditorium to watch him belt out Johnny Denson in five heats. Godoy lost no time. He went after Denson with the opening bell and dished out a terrific body beating.

Arturo showed more class than any heavyweight has displayed here in recent months and local fans were convinced that none of the current big fellows will have much success against the good neighbor from South America.

In a companion ten-rounder, Tony Mar, Chinese lightweight from Mexico, made an auspicious local debut, putting the sleeper on Harry Lane in two rounds. Mar, who holds victories over the current lightweight king, Juan Zurita, Rudolfo Ramirez, Carlos Malacara and many other good boys, lived up to his advance ballyhoo. Mar scored a hit with San Antonio fans.

Wayne Armstrong, clever soldier middleweight from Iowa, boxed six bloody rounds with Julio Cerna, hard-hitting Mexican middleweight. Armstrong seemed to have a decided edge, but the officials ruled it a draw.

Johnny Villanueva scored a T.K.O. over Andy Balderas in four rounds and Tiger Rodriquez decisioned Pancho Martinez, four.

The show grossed around $12,000.

San Antonio—As the *Evening News* wrote it, "To the strains of waltzing Matilda," two ancient gladiators, Fritzie Zivic and Manuel Villa, floundered through eight dreary rounds until Villa was counted out. Both old men looked like shadows of their former selves and we agree with Johnny Janes of the *Light* who wrote, "It would have been better if it had opened and closed in one."

In the ten-round semi, Rodolfo Villa, younger brother of Manuel, eked out a decision over Jose Andreas. They are featherweights and it was a swell scrap.

Johnny Villanueva continued his winning streak at the expense of Fidel Carmona who went out in the sixth. Ramon Alva K.O.'ed Young Chavez in three. Joe Laredo decisioned Tiger Rodriquez.

The show, a benefit affair for Normoyle Field, drew about $3,000.

Galveston—Fritzie Zivic edged out Wild Bill McDowell in a good ten-round bout. In the semi-final, Eddie Bertolino decisioned Doug Gibson, 6; Johnny Dobbs won over Joey Yarosz, 6; Clarence Wilkins defeated Jack Thompson, 6; Jose Andreas won from Fidel Carmona, 4. Receipts slightly over $2,000.

Laredo—Manuel Rivera K.O.'ed Monterrey Kid Pancho, 4; Andy Balderas defeated Mario Soliz, 6; Jesus Martinez and Raymundo Ramirez drew, six.

El Paso—Clayton Worlds, elongated Chicago heavyweight, punched out a decision over Louis Brooks in ten rounds. Salvador Chavez decisioned Francisco Dozal, 6; Joe Lopez Munoz beat Manuel Castro, 4; Memetrio Moreno K.O.'ed Jesse Ramirez, 3; Francisco Saucedo and Manuel Rios, no contest, 4; Pablo Zamora kayoed Jose Rodriquez, 3.

Eagle Pass—Jesus Chavez and Pete Woods drew, 10 rounds; Ignacio Garcia beat Roberto Estrada, 8; Francisco Herrera defeated Pablo Garza, 6; Jesus Rodriquez decisioned Jesus Cabral, 6.

Laredo—Michael Sayers knocked out Luis del Angel, 10; Francisco Ramirez K.O.'ed John Gregg, 3; Gus Berrington and Matias Ruiz drew, 6.

El Paso—Louis Brooks defeated Tiger Sheppard, 10; Isidora Blanco K.O.'ed Salvador Chavez, 4; Francisco Dozal beat Manuel Castro; Joe Lopez Munoz defeated Pablo Zamora, 4; Alberto Arratia beat Demetrio Moreno, 4; Simon Rangel decisioned Carl McKinney.

Houston—Punchin' Paul Altman, Houston's colorful welterweight, ran into a tartar in the person of Kid Filipino, ranking Mexican welterweight, and after six hectic rounds, that all sports scribes declared were even, the fight was stopped and Filipino awarded a T.K.O. in the seventh as Altman sustained a badly cut eye after a head collision. A rematch is in the making and should be a thriller too.

Billy Deeg won his second comeback start beating Pelon Garcia in eight. Nash Ortiz K.O.'ed Red Keck, 3; Manuel Rivera stopped Joe Robinson, 3. The show drew around $3,500.

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IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER

By HARRY MANSBACH

BILLY GRANT, Orange veteran, turned in the best performance of his career in stopping Georgie Parks of Washington, D. C., in the sixth round at Laurel Garden. Grant weighed 173 and Parks 182. Bob Esterita of Mexico City, 132, won a four-round decision over Johnny Land of Newark, 125, in a good scrap. The bout between Big Ben Russ of Atlantic City, 173, and Archie Coles of Newark, 178, was stopped in the third round and declared "no contest" by Referee Gene Roman. Casimir Sugalski of Bloomfield, 159, and Clem Fitzpatrick of N.Y.C., met in a six-rounder with Sugalski the winner. The gate receipts amounted to $2983.

Henry Jordan, 145, of Philadelphia, was knocked cold by a left hook swung by Vincent Jones, 151, Tampa, in the second round of a scheduled six-round feature bout at Scott Hall. In the semi-final six-rounder, Al Mobley, 140, Newark, outpointed Russ Hawkins, 144, of Jamaica, N. Y. Pat Scanlon, 140, Ozone Park, N. Y., scored a technical knockout over Joe Neil, 140, Albany, in the second round of a scheduled six rounder. Jimmy Mazzio, 150, Garfield, took the nod from Chick Smith, 148¼, of Newark, in a four. Charlie Hoffman, 126, Elizabeth, and Jimmy Henderson, 127, Brooklyn, drew.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses and locations. Send twenty-five cents in coin or stamps and self-addressed envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington Street, Newark, 2, N. J. Boxers who are willing to show around Jersey and metropolitan New York and have no managerial ties, should contact same address. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope and previous record.

Joe Lynch, 158, Plainfield, outpointed Rudy Richardson, 157, N.Y.C., in the eight-round main event at Masonic Hall, Highland Park, N. Y. Two six-round bouts also ended in decisions. Joey Gambaro, 145, N.Y.C., took the nod over Jimmy Taylor, 148, N.Y.C., and Al Starling, 129, Trenton, decisioned Paul Midiri, 132, Corona, N. Y. In scheduled four-rounders Bozo Costantino, 146, New York, outpointed Nat Hutchins, 142, Newark, and Archie Stieb, 130, Brooklyn, scored a technical knockout over Mike Trappani, 125, New York, in the second.

George Gunther, one-time boxing great of many years ago, has been stricken with a paralytic stroke, and is now at the Newark City Hospital, and would like to hear from his friends. Recent visitors to Newark were Tommy Ross, who is now in the Army as a physical instructor, Walter Stevens, who has just returned from overseas and is now at Atlantic City Rehabilitation Center, and Ben (Pop) Cantor, former manager and matchmaker at the New Brunswick Club, and now a first sergeant at Camp Ritchie, Md.

Johnny Carter, Philadelphia, scored an upset victory over Cocoa Kid, New Haven veteran, in the feature 10-round bout at Laurel Garden, Newark. Carter took an early lead and came through with a fast finish to catch Referee Joe Mangold's eye. The bout was one of the best witnessed in the Laurel ring in some time. Carter weighed 161 and Cocoa Kid, 162. Vincent Jones of New York, 153, making his first appearance here, came through with an impressive victory over Don Calcano of Havana, with the referee stopping the bout in the third round. Walter Stanbach of Hackensack, 147, won a four-round decision over Nat Hutchins of Newark. Steve Brogan of Garfield, 169, stopped Bob Smith, New York, 159, in the third round. Mario Torres, 134, New York, outpointed Joe Griffo, 130, Newark, in an exciting six-rounder. The attendance was 2000 and the gate receipts were $2846.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NOTES

By JACK McCALLUM

ELLIOT METCALF, veteran Tacoma, Wash., sports editor, and one of the most beloved newspaper men on the Pacific Coast, was appointed to the State Athletic Commission by Governor Wallgren of Washington. One of the first moves made by Commissioner Metcalf was to permit wrestling shows in the state. Tacoma started off with a mat card staged by Jack Rutledge, which drew a very good gate. Boxing will also soon be resumed in Tacoma, Seattle and other cities and towns in the state.

Seattle, which has not had a boxing show in almost three years, is rated the best boxing city on the Pacific Coast next to Los Angeles. The record gate for Seattle is the $87,000 paid to see Al Hostak win the middleweight title from Freddie Steele seven years ago.

On March 16, Spokane's Victory Boxing Club drew a $5000 gate with "Tiger" Jack Fox and an old-time never-was named George Ecks in the top ten-rounder, and Sailor Frankie Gimble versus Jerry Brown, Denver Negro, in the second ten-round bout. Brown was kayoed in one minute and one second, while Ecks lasted one minute and 21 seconds. Both bouts ended in the first round. The best fight of the night was the six-round draw between Eddie Wharton and Soldier Moore.

Joe Waterman is still going along in Portland, despite lack of talent and other difficulties. Here are the Portland results for the month of March in Portland, Oregon:

March 2—Joe Kahut knocked out Jack Huber, three rounds, $8060; Mickey Pease decisioned Manuel James, ten rounds.

March 16—Johnny Suarez won, foul, from Cecil Hudson, eight rounds, $4381; Dave Johnston knocked out Sam Glover, one round.

March 23—Leo Turner won from Paulie Peters, ten rounds, $4346; "Moose" Kennedy knocked out Dave Johnston, one round.

Will Maylon, who has been very successful in the real estate business since Pearl Harbor, is back in the boxing promoting game at Tacoma, Wash. Maylon, who now tips the scales at around the 200-pound mark, once played Little Lord Fauntleroy and Romeo on the stage.

Lou Kennedy, sports editor of the Portland (Oregon) *Telegram* for 17 years, died of heart trouble at his home. . . . Harry Eagles is managing Johnny Suarez, who once boxed under the name of Johnny Garcia. . . . Joey August, crack featherweight of 15 years ago, is matchmaker for the Victory Boxing Club at Spokane, replacing popular Bud Oliver. . . . Sailor Joe Kahut was introduced from the ring at Spokane. . . . Kahut was stationed at the Farragut Naval Training station, but is probably overseas by now. . . . Joe Waterman, Portland promoter, picks Frankie Gimble as the best boxing prospect of the year for the Pacific Coast. . . . Gimble is under the management of Joey August and is a great left-hook puncher. . . . He hails from San Francisco and is attached to a Naval station at Pasco.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

SYRACUSE and Central New York boxing fans will welcome the return of their favorite sport next month, when Onondaga Sports, Inc., presents the first of a series of 12 or more outdoor cards at MacArthur Stadium. Matchmaker Paul Swiderski is in New York City as we go to press, completing negotiations for several good fistic attractions for the summer season.

Although Joey Kushner, local featherweight, has compiled a score of knockout victories in this section of the state, he did not have what it takes to add Carlos Chavez to his pile of victims when the little fellows clashed in Savannah, Georgia. Chavez flattened "Dynamite Joe" in the third round. Kushner blames his poor showing on a badly sprained left hand, received in training. If this is true, Joey never should have accepted the Georgia bout because that very condition prevented him from giving the fans and the promoters the action they paid for and expected.

It is our contention a fighter entering the ring for a contest owes it to himself, the public and promoters to be in top fighting trim. Boxers competing, handicapped with injuries, hurt not only themselves, but the boxing game in general, when they are not physically fit for a bout.

Binghamton fans enjoyed two lively cards the past two months at Kalurah Temple. Results of the show February 27, which missed our last pillar, follows: Al Jolson, 150, Binghamton, punched out a ten-round victory over Art Hardy, 156, Pittsburgh. Al Harrig, Syracuse, 142, scored his eighth straight pro win by stopping Aster Rice, 145, Binghamton. In the seventh round of the semi-final Joey Kushner, Syracuse, 129, won his second consecutive meeting with Eddie Smith, 140, Rochester, in a Binghamton ring, trimming Smith in six slashing rounds. Ossie Sussman, 147, Rochester, defeated Vic Belanger, 147, Utica, in six rounds.

It took Joe Miller, 139, of Buffalo, just four rounds to dispose of Frankie Conn, 141¾, Brooklyn, at the Bingo Arena, March 14th. The go was slated to be a 10-round top. Fred Patterson, 160, Rochester Negro ace, stiffened Bobby Ross, 162, Philadelphia, in the second round of the scheduled eight-round semi-windup. Ross suffered a fractured jaw from one of Patterson's steaming rights. Joey Kushner, 130½, Syracuse, beat Jesse James, 138½, Pittsburgh, in a special six. Kushner literally cut James' face to ribbons with thundering portside blasts, according to Harry Wright, Binghamton *Sun* sports writer. Joe Mullins, 126, Wilkes-Barre, outpointed Hal Arrington, 127, Binghamton, in four rounds. Eddie Anderson, 139½, Binghamton, knocked out Marty Barber, 144, Wilkes-Barre, in 2:27 of the third round. Ray Karalunas, 157½, Wilkes-Barre, won all the way from Kelvin Smith, 162½, West Chenango, in four heats.

Stan Edwards, Syracuse Negro, light-heavy, technically knocked out Lou Presto, Buffalo veteran, in the fourth round on the Johnny Greene-Indian Gomez card, March 27, at Buffalo. Greene outpointed Gomez in ten.

LEFT HOOKS—Those-in-the-know tell us Syracuse surely will get the much-wanted, much-needed Civic Auditorium after the war. . . . The building will serve as a memorial for Syracuse boys who gave their lives in the current conflict. . . . C. M. Schindler, former owner of the Syracuse Chiefs' baseball team, is one of the leaders in the move to make the sports fans' dream a reality. . . . Henny Andrews keeps in the public prints as the man behind the Fighting DeJohns. . . . Henny's latest protege, Joey, the welter member of the family, is now in the Navy. . . . Andrews has done a nice redecorating job on his Alhambra and Sports Room. . . . The mail bag was too full the past month for us to reply to queries via the column so you boys will have to be content with personal letters. . . . Bob Heath is promoting in Akron, Ohio, with Johnny Hannison at the matchmaking helm. . . . 1st Lt. Billy Shaw, Jr., pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, Somewhere-in-England, has been awarded the Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. . . . You said it, pal, the buttons have all popped off Pop's vest.

Gabe Genoyese passes on the word his Red Lobster grill will reopen as soon as equipment damaged in a recent fire in this spot, can be replaced. . . . Much giggle water was destroyed in the blaze that will be impossible to duplicate. . . . Leonard Bennett, Coast welter and middle, is stationed at the Rome Army Air Base. . . . Incidentally Rome, N. Y., plans a monster pro boxing show this summer, outdoors. . . Phil Vinci and Ralph DiCastro are angling for the license. . . . These kids, former fighters, have staged some great amateur shows in the Wire City. . . . Joey Curcio, Newark welter, who made a fine impression here last summer in bouts with Johnny Greene and Al Jolson, is due back this summer. . . . Pete Virgin, busy Schenectady feather, is now a tar.

Cozy Storace, ex-amateur, welter king, writes from Key West Naval Training Base he will become a fight manager after the war and already has a sizable stable of sailor-fighters under his wing. . . . If they are as good as Cozy was, they will make plentee moola. . . . Appreciation Dept: Thanx for the ceegars, Ed Lowery, Tampa, Fla. . . . We mailed the pix requested. . . . Local papers please copy! . . . Nat Fleischer's new Boxing Record Book should be on every Sporting Editor's and Promoter's desk in the world. . . . Nat is the No. 1 boxing information man, a veritable encyclopedia of fistic knowledge who has done more for the game than any other person living or dead. . . . Place your order now as Nat tells me the supply is limited. The book will be ready the middle of May—400 pages—and records of every active fighter in 1944—2400 of them.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By ROBERTO A. TORRES

SIMON VERGARA, 118, Panama's latest knockout artist and the best fighter seen here since Jose Lombardo, scored the most important victory of his short boxing career when he knocked out John "Wild Bull" Pino, 117½, in the eighth round of a ten-rounder before 8,000 fans at the National Olympic Stadium. Vergara, who boasts a record of eight straight knockouts, and who is trained by former World's Bantamweight Champion, Panama "Al Brown," did not have it easy up to the time the fight ended as Pino was leading by a slight margin, Vergara floored Pino in the first and kept coming along strongly after that knockdown, but one minute before the bell ended in the seventh, Vergara caught Pino with a hard right to the jaw and the lad from Chiriqui went down for a nine count. When he arose, Vergara swarmed all over him. Pino was down again and at the count of eight, the gong sounded. Pino's seconds dragged him to his corner and tried desperately to revive him but the body blows dealt out by Vergara in the early rounds had taken their toll.

At the sound of the eighth round gong Pino came out and Vergara went after him. He drove a hard right into Pino's stomach. The wild bull went down and couldn't continue. Thus Vergara avenged the knockout dealt to him by the same John Pino a year ago at the National Gymnasium. Vergara is in line for any bantamweight or feather in Central and South America.

His last nine knockout victims are the following: Baby Zuniga, K.O., 4; Martin Olivardia, K.O., 3; Young Nelson, K.O., 6; Rodrigo Rodriguez, K.O., 3; Young Yellos, K.O., 7; Gerardo Bedford, K.O., 1; John Bill, K.O., 7; Baby Uribe, K.O., 9; John Pino, K.O., 8.

Cesar Leal, 112¾, knocked out Goyo Castañeda in four rounds. Alcides Rios, 117¾, decisioned Al Barrazo in four rounds. Ernesto Reid, 127, knocked out Percival Maynard, 126½, in two rounds.

Young Finnigan, 134, defended his lightweight Championship of Panama, by trouncing Kid Bururu, 135, of Havana, Cuba, in fifteen rounds at the Club Tropical in the city of Colon. The crowd was the biggest to see a boxing match in the last ten years on the Gold Coast.

Ernesto Reid, 128, decisioned Young Ashton in six rounds. Willie Pep Second, decisioned Baby Ashley in four heats.

The following is the record of Wild Bull John Pino, after winning seventeen amateur fights without a setback the Wild Bull joined the Professional Ranks and has made a name for himself.

Simon Vergara, K.O. in two rounds; Gerardo Bedford, W., in eight rounds; Young Alfaro, W., in eight rounds; Rodrigo, K.O., eight rounds; Lorenzo Safora, W., ten rounds; Guillermo Andrade, K.O. by, in three rounds; Baby Uribe, W., ten rounds; Guillermo Andrade, W., ten rounds; Simon Vergara, K.O. by, eight rounds.

MAINE RING NOTES
By DON McPHEE

PORTLAND—With the exception of a single Bangor offering, Maine boxing interest was confined strictly to out-of-state bouts during the past month. The Bangor feature had busy Joey Manfro of New York earning a unanimous but not-too-well-liked decision over Ralph Walton of Montreal. The skirmish was a scorcher all the way and has Promoter Bob Johnston hot after a re-match. But first comes another return duel there with Norman See of Montreal going against Joe Dow's dangerous Marty Pemba of East Boston.

Youthful and hard hitting Al Wooster of Frankfort got out front in his series with Babe Quirion of Winslow by flattening the latter in one round —the first time Quirion had been stopped in 77 pro bouts.

Lefty LaChance of Lewiston is reported homeward bound with Manager Sam Michael after having made a distinct hit in Georgia and Louisiana bouts. A disputed loss to Carlos Chavez was the only bad mark of the trip. Stablemate Al Michaud also scored in several semi-final wins. Eddie Desilets of Berlin, N. H., manager of welterweight Larry Villenueve, asks a correction on our mention that Larry—now in the Navy—had lost to Ralph Walton in Bangor. Okey dokey. Villenueve copped the nod both times.

New England middleweight champion Coley Welch had his sparkling victory string snapped in Detroit with rugged Georgie Kochan, like Welch a former Coast Guardsman, doing the damage. The 10-round brawl was a scorcher from start to finish with the decision unanimous but only by a whisker on points. Welch suffered a closed eye but Kochan, victor though he was, took plenty of pounding—one eye was cut and he'll probably be out of action for a spell. Welch received a rib injury and will likewise be sidelined for a while.

Jerry Maloni, veteran Springfield, Mass., middleweight, won over a home-town rival, Saint Paul, and again announced his retirement—unless he can get another bout with Welch. Jerry lost to Coley in a New England title duel last Summer but figures he can reverse it; he'll forget retirement if someone will sign this one.

Jimmy Cook of Rumford and Portland, classy welterweight mixer, has been accepted for military duty and is now awaiting call. . . . Francis Clukey's home boxing classes for youngsters in Bangor are getting bigger all the time. Clukey has turned out several outstanding professionals but confines his activities mainly to instructing youngsters and conditioning older pupils.

Canadian boxers who have been boxing regularly in Maine, some making headquarters here, will never like the month of March again. Schoolboy Jerry Berthiaume, great favorite in Providence, ran into one at the start and was chilled by Tuffy Reed in the first—rematch is due. Al Evans bowed to Lige Drew in Holyoke and Ray Brown won over Ralph Walton on the same card. . . . And Norman See, a Bangor favorite, also walked into a blast of dynamite in Johnny Cool of Worcester, going out in the first.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA JOTTINGS
By JIMMY GURNETT

BUDDY SCOTT, southern heavyweight champion, who recently returned to the ring wars after a several months layoff, moved back into the elite circle of the heavyweights in THE RING's Ratings. Buddy's appearance here in February when he kayoed Pancho Medrano of Mexico in four, broke an indoor house record for recent years. His ten-round victory over J. D. Turner a few weeks later saw the house just a few dollars short of the record breaker. Scott's third start since the layoff saw him journey to Wilmington, N. C., to kayo Jerry Mitchell in five heats. This was on March 12.

Jimmie Murdock, local promoter, continues his Tuesday night club fights with fair crowds. Murdock probably holds the record for continuous shows, not having missed a Tuesday night in nearly eight years. Eddie Steele, Navy welterweight, seems to be the best clouter shown on the club cards. Murdock was in New York recently for the Golden Gloves where he handled the Jacksonville team.

Several "teen-age" boys are showing much promise around here, the best of the lot appearing to be George Henly, 217-pounder, of the St. John's shipyard. Henly will probably make a pro debut shortly.

There is some little agitation for a bill to legalize boxing before the legislature but this corner predicts that no such bill will reach the floor. Florida could certainly use an efficient boxing body.

Orlando is operating again after a long layoff with Temple Mason at the promotorial helm. The attendance was surprisingly heavy at Mason's initial card on March 14.

Eddie Mader, former Sarasota heavy, is now stationed with the military police detachment at the Overseas Replacement Depot, Greensboro, N. C. Mader is now a staff sergeant.

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Dempsey's Tumble

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the titleholder. Dempsey stepped in with a left uppercut that stunned Firpo and the Argentinian sank slowly to his knees.

Dempsey arose and swung quickly into action. He hooked his left to Firpo's jaw. Down went Firpo. Luis disdained a count. He clambered to his feet, eyes blazing and rushed pell mell into the champion. The Wild Bull crashed his right solidly to the body. Dempsey couldn't avoid it. Firpo shot his club-like right to the jaw and staggered the title holder. Dempsey stepped in with a left uppercut that stunned Firpo and the Argentinian sank slowly to his knees.

Dempsey stood over him but Luis managed to get up, only to receive a cruel left followed by a terrific right to the body. Firpo was gone. He winced but didn't go down. He swung his ponderous right to Dempsey's ribs three times. Dempsey side-stepped a fourth attempt and let loose a swinging left that crashed to Firpo's jaw. Once again Firpo went down.

Dempsey stood directly over him in violation of the rules while Referee Gallagher began the count. Firpo attempted to rise and Dempsey lunged a right at him, the blow grazing Firpo's head just as he was getting off the canvas. The referee overlooked this unintentional violation of the rules. Firpo sank back again. The referee warned Dempsey to beat a retreat and as he did so, the Argentinian arose.

Dempsey was at him in a jiffy. He landed a left and right to the jaw, dropping Firpo in Jack's own corner. Again Firpo ignored a count. Eyes blazing and sullen features enraged, Luis rushed at Dempsey, swinging lefts and rights. He rushed Dempsey across the ring. A right swing that came up almost from the floor, caught Dempsey and sent him hurtling through the ropes.

Several newspaper men threw up their hands and checked Dempsey's fall. They pushed him back into the ring, while the referee and the knockdown timekeeper were counting. The count of nine had just been reached when the champion got back into a fighting pose. Firpo was atop of him with a rush, flailing away with both hands. He shot out a left and then followed with a lusty right that caught Dempsey on the chin.

Dempsey suddenly rallied. He leaped at his foe and crashed a right solidly to the heart. Firpo winced under the force of impact. He exchanged blows with the champion and then worked Dempsey into Firpo's corner just as the bell sounded.

Round Two—Dempsey rushed out of his corner. The champion, highly excited, glided in close on the waiting Firpo and raked him with short-arm lefts and rights. Dempsey glided pantherlike after his prey but was met with a crashing right to the body and jumped into a clinch.

On the break, Dempsey stepped quickly back and landed two damaging left hooks. Dempsey dug his left into the body, then shot two right uppercuts and followed with a left to the body as Firpo jumped into a clinch. Dempsey shook him off and drove in short-arm blows. Firpo sank to the canvas.

The count reached five when Firpo arose. Luis lashed out a long right to the neck. Dempsey got inside a left lead with short-arm jolts. In close, Dempsey drove his left mauler deep into Firpo's midsection. On backing away, he crashed a short-arm right to the jaw.

Firpo went down like a poled steer. He lay motionless for two seconds then started to writhe and twist convulsively. He rolled over on his back. He drew up one knee in agony. The count reached five when Dempsey, instead of standing over his fallen foe, went to a neutral corner. Firpo was motionless as the count reached ten and Dempsey had successfully defended his title.

Ring's Honor Roll

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good showmanship in their bouts. There are no purses for the fighters, but the winner receives a ten-dollar war bond."

S/Sgt. Tomasco, who has been overseas 18 months, lives in Philadelphia.

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MARCUS LOCKMAN

BEFORE a cheering gathering of 1300 soldiers, Marcus Lockman of Pittsburgh defeated Shelton Bell, Youngstown, Ohio, light-heavyweight, in a thrilling battle in the South Pacific, in which Lockman, who is a middleweight, scaled only 158 pounds to 175 for his opponent. Bell was forced into submission in the fifth round.

By the end of the third, it was apparent that Lockman was the superior fighter and that he would take the measure of his opponent. Two solid blows were all that Shelton landed. The boys went at each other from the opening gong and savage blows were landed by Lockman to head and body.

Lockman is now the recognized middleweight and light-heavyweight champion of New Guinea. In the picture the referee is Swede Hanson, former pro fighter.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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Brooklyn club and another at the White Plains Auditorium, in each of which the real victor was deprived of a justly won verdict.

Coolidge Miller easily whipped Jimmy Mulligan at White Plains, yet the best he could get was a draw, despite the one-sided bout. Previously he had stopped Mulligan in two rounds.

Likewise in Brooklyn, two phony decisions were recently rendered, verdicts that were met with hearty disapproval.

Changing from a round-by-round system to a point system or the use of both systems, with the point score as a guide in the event of a close battle, will not alter the situation. We shall continue to have phony decisions so long as incompetent officials are placed in charge of contests.

Each commission should wield the axe, eliminate the incompetents, place a high standard on appointments to the judges and referee posts, forget political appointments, and rotate these men without any additions. Thus the good men will receive plenty of work and they will take exceptional pride in the fact that such faith is placed in them and the decisions will be more according to Hoyle than at present.

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AKRON'S boxing got another black eye when Referee Eddie Atlas was forced to halt both the semi-final and the final bouts and declare each "no contest." In the main event, Bobby Giles and Bill Deering were the headliners and in the other affair Billy Duncan, former Army corporal, and Eddie Davis of Akron put up such a clumsy waltz that Referee Atlas called a halt in the fourth round. Following the fiasco, the commission ruled the purses of Deering, Davis and Duncan confiscated and ordered that the money go to the city's general fund.

What's wrong with boxing? Why so many unsatisfactory bouts?

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THE first step in the direction of the repeal of boxing laws in this country, brought about by the many unsatisfactory bouts in California, some of them branded as "fakes" by the commission, was made a few weeks ago in Massachusetts where a bill was introduced, but tabled to kill the present law. This was followed by the introduction of a measure in the Illinois State legislature to prohibit boxing and wrestling for the duration of the war.

Chairman Sheldon Clark of the Illinois Commission termed the measure a "nuisance" and said that it interferes with the war effort as both sports are morale builders for soldiers and civilians and asked that it be tabled.

There is no doubt but what the bill will never be passed, but the fact remains that it behooves the various commissions, especially in California where the situation is particularly rotten as Willie Ritchie, State Inspector, aptly expressed it more than a year ago, to work with iron fists of those who have "fixed" fights, tampered with the boxers and perhaps even with officials, judging by the number of weird verdicts handed out in recent months.

Remember prohibition? We all said it couldn't be done yet the nation suddenly found itself strangled by those who had worked quietly to get the measure passed. Boxing will suffer in the same way if present conditions continue. Let's get at the root of the evil before boxing receives a K.O. blow. Where there is smoke there is fire.

MINNESOTA NEWS

By SPIKE McCARTHY
(Pinch-hitting for Billy Colbert)

DAN SMITH, a St. Paul amateur boxer of 1939-40, and now a United States Marine, was wounded in the battle of Iwo Jima. Good luck, Dan, and a speedy recovery.

Roy Westphalinger, the Northwest's most prominent fight announcer, has just been promoted to a staff sergeant. Roy, a veteran of three years in the Army (18 months overseas), is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

My best regards to Lt. Bill Bush, former Recreational Director at Camp Wolters, Texas, 1942-43. Bill was instrumental in putting over with a bang, the big Camp Boxing Tournaments held there every three months.

Augie Ratner, former Minneapolis boxer of the twenties, is now the proud owner of Augie's Lounge, one of the better night spots in the Flour City.

Phil Gallivan, former big league baseball pitcher, and now a St. Paul tavern proprietor, has been bit by the boxing bug and now wants to become a boxing promoter. Well, he should do all right as he is well known and is a very popular guy. Good luck to you, Phil.

Chuck Singer, one-time Minneapolis lightweight, and now a successful grocery store operator, is still looking for a heavyweight prospect. Who isn't?

Sgt. LeRoy Holmes, a St. Paul amateur boxer of five years ago, has been seriously wounded in action in Germany. Best of luck to you, LeRoy, and a full recovery from your wounds.

I wonder at what part of the universe my old pal, and good buddy of my Army days at Camp Wolters, Texas (Soft Shoe Louie Katz), is now stationed! Old Soft Shoe was for many years the program man for the boxing clubs here in St. Paul, Hibbing, and Duluth.

Floyd Hagen, St. Paul's crack lightweight, is now home on a furlough after being in the South Pacific for the past 18 months. Floyd is now a coxswain and has been in the Navy for the past two years.

Iron Mike Ferrozzo, one-time manager of Charley Ratzleff, the old heavyweight, and Fred Lenhart, has now taken over the managerial duties of Buzz Brown, Negro St. Paul welterweight.

If the following boys see this little item, will they please get in touch with the writer. Marcus (Al) Luna, Adam Delgado, and Jose Lanza. These boys are all in the infantry across the sea, and I would like very much to hear from them. They were all crack boxers down at Camp Wolters, Texas.

Dick Watzl, a former St. Paul middleweight boxer, now a member of the uniformed division of the local police department, and Smiling Bob Costello, a detective in the juvenile department, have charge of the police department's boxing team. They have a nice, modern, well-equipped gym where they can be found every night teaching the young boys the fundamentals of boxing, good sportsmanship, and the value of clean living. The boxing game could surely use more men like these two.

Charley Teirney, St. Paul's popular chief of police, is a boxing fan of the first water. He never misses a show in either town and can always be found in the press row with James Lynch, the Ramsey County prosecuting attorney.

Send all boxing news to this writer, care of the Mike Gibbons Gym, Hamm Bldg., St. Paul, Minnesota. If any boxers are seeking work in the Northwest part of the country, please get in touch with this writer or with Billy Colbert. Thank you, will be seeing you again next month.

Flynn Is the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR. *Substituting for* CPL. MEYER ACKERMAN *now serving with Gen. Patton's Division in Germany.*

HEAVYWEIGHTS held the spotlight during the windup of the winter season with the outstanding figures taking part in bouts in various parts of the country. Surprises were in store, with Tami Mauriello and Johnny Flynn figuring in the leading ones.

Tami took the measure of Lee Oma in a one-sided bout in which Lee looked the part of a novice and Flynn came through with a fine triumph over Lee Q. Murray and then stopped Sgt. Buddy Knox in 3. By defeating Murray, Flynn proved his right to a high-ranking post and has definitely entered the select circle. His victories also gained for him the "Fighter of the Month" honor.

Although Jimmy Bivins was clearly entitled to the verdict over Melio Bettina, all he could obtain was a draw on a three-way decision, and therefore he retains his No. 1 position. Elmer Ray continued his knockouts, with two to his credit, one over Shamus O'Brien and the other over Bob Jacobs.

Tiger Jack Fox, once the outstanding light-heavyweight, has again donned the mitts. He flattened George Ecks in one and trounced the 224-pound Turner in ten. Freddie Schott continued his rapid climb with a victory over Earl Lowman and a knockout over Roberto Ramirez.

Joe Baksi's victory over Lou Nova gained for him second place in the month's selections a peg behind Bivins, with Mauriello, Bettina, Flynn, Schott and Ray following in the order named. The period was the most active among the heavyweights in several months.

In the light-heavyweight class, Lloyd Marshall resumed his activity with a sparkling triumph over Teddy Randolph and Archie Moore gave an excellent performance in whipping Nate Bolden. Freddie Mills' period of inactivity ended with a knockout of Ken Shaw and Buddy Millard, a veteran who retired for a time, is going great guns again and has entered the select circle in which he once before held a spot. Billy Grant's punching powers keep him in the spotlight despite his close loss to John Thomas whom he previously had halted.

Archie Moore has jumped into second place in the ratings, with Marshall again heading the division.

Charley Burley's fine victory over Joe Carter, has brought him back into the leading challenger post in the middleweight ranks, Vince Hawkins, star Britisher, follows. He scored two victories during the month.

Alan Woodbury is a newcomer in the ratings, through his victory over the often ranked Australian, Jack McNamee, whom he defeated for the Australian middleweight honors.

The leading welters did little over which to enthuse. Jimmy McDaniels, Fritzie Zivic and Harold Green, three of the leaders, were active and climbed as a result.

Bob Montgomery continues as the leading lightweight by virtue of his activity. Beau Jack, idle since his last bout with Montgomery last August, has been removed from the ranking, following the usual procedure in cases of boxers who are in the service and are not permitted to fight professionally.

Tony Janiro, who is coming along like a house afire, has entered the first ten because of his great performance against Humberto Zavala whom he stopped in four rounds.

Willie Pep is out of the army and the featherweights will find more action with him back in the fold. Danny Webb, Canadian scrapper, continued his spree with one kayo and two victories and has landed in fourth place.

A newcomer in the bantam class ratings is Simon Vergara of whom we have received excellent reports from Panama. He is the Panamanian bantam king. Jackie Paterson still heads the flyweights. The month's leading fights follow:

The heavyweight contests: Jimmy Bivins was held to a draw by Melio Bettina, 10. Johnny Flynn upset the apple cart when he defeated Lee Q. Murray, 10, and stopped Sgt. Buddy Knox in 3. Tami Mauriello jumped right back into the heavyweight ratings with a decisive win over Lee Oma, 10. Elmer Ray disposed of Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien, 5; Bob Jacobs, 3.

Joe Baksi whipped Lou Nova, 10. Buddy Scott flattened Jerry Mitchell, 5. Tiger Jack Fox flattened George Ecks,1; and beat J. D. Turner in 10.

Clayton Worlds defeated Lou Brooks, 10. Steve Dudas outpointed Fernando Menichelli, 10. Freddie Schott defeated Earle Lowman, 10; and stopped Roberto Ramirez, 3. Perk Daniels knocked out Curtis Sheppard, 7. Al Hart sank Hindu Fleet, 2.

Cleo Everett decisioned George Sanders, 6. Al Laboa whipped Matt Jiminez, 6; drew with Ira Hughes, 6. Smiley Burnette drew with Eddie Keller, 4. Noel Wagener stopped Jim Herlihy, 2.

Dom Lydon put away Derek Harpham, 2. Bobby Thompson halted Eddie Horton, 5; defeated Jim Williams, 6. Joe Golombeck finished even with Leon Ford, 6. Newsboy Millich decisioned Billy Smith, 10. Lee Croft knocked out Aaron Levy, 1. Carrington McNutt licked Stoney Jackson, 6.

Jersey Joe Walcott whipped Johnny Allen, 8. Henry Jones finished even with Austin Johnson, 6. Johnson knocked out Oscar Goode, 4; defeated Henry Jones, 8. Arthur (Bomber) Brown stopped Dave Paterson, 5; beat Billy Duncan, 6. Eddie Irwin outpointed Tony Gillo, 6. George Millich whipped Ira Hughes, 6.

George Dennis put Nap Mitchell to sleep in 1; licked Bob Harris, 6. Jimmy Bell knocked out Joe Smith, 4. Hank Morris flattened Bill Parks, 1; Carlton Perry, 3. Matt Jiminez whipped Leo Green, 6.

Billy Duncan-Eddie Davis bout ruled no-contest, 4. Frankie Urban downed Sam Shumway, 1; Johnny Harwood, 4. Bernard McNally flattened Carl White, 2. Vern Mitchell stopped Jesse Ray, 3. Jimmy Freeman drew with Deacon Bob Smith, 4. Stanley Myka knocked out Al Mitchell, 3. Al Ware put away Billy Gilbert, 6.

Arturo Godoy knocked out Johnny Denson, 5; Herb Jones, 2. Tom Reddington defeated Al Robinson, 8. Johnny Melko whipped Alec Rebark, 6; Willie Cherill, 6. Nolan Sharp knocked out Johnny Briscoe, 2. Jim Neville knocked out Johnny Davis, 3; defeated Buddy Moore, 8. Claude Williams-Willie Jones, no-contest, 3. Gus Mullner stopped Bobby Giles, 7. Johnny Haynes whipped Al Ware, 6. Eddie Wagner stopped Lou Clark, 1. John Thomas reversed a previous knockout loss by licking Billy Grant, 8.

Here are the light-heavyweight bouts: Billy Grant put away Georgie Parks, 6; Johnny Thomas, 5; and lost to Johnny Thomas, 8. Freddie Mills knocked out Ken Shaw, 7. Buddy Millard stopped Al Jordan, 8; defeated Johnny Donnelly, 10. Lloyd Marshall trimmed Teddy Randolph, 10. Archie

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending April 10, 1945

Fighters who hitherto have been rated but are now in the armed forces and have become inactive, have been removed until such time as they resume boxing. When those removed are again active, they will receive the recognition previously granted to them. Only active fighters, service men and civilians, will be rated monthly. In our ratings the position of champions now in the service is frozen for the duration. Inactive service men are kept in the ratings for four months before being removed until they resume boxing.

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion
*Joe Louis	*Gus Lesnevich	*Tony Zale	Freddie Cochrane
U. S. Army	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Navy	
1—Jimmy Bivins	Lloyd Marshall	Charley Burley	Ray Robinson
2—Joe Baksi	Archie Moore	Vince Hawkins	Fritzie Zivic
3—Tami Mauriello	Freddie Mills	Jake LaMotta	Jimmy McDaniels
4—Melio Bettina	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Joe Carter	Tommy Bell
5—Johnny Flynn	Nate Bolden	Cocoa Kid	Harold Green
6—Freddie Schott	Billy Grant	Holman Williams	Bee Bee Wright
7—Elmer Ray	Jack Johnson	Coley Welch	Henry Armstrong
8—Lee Q. Murray	George Kochan	Jose Basora	Rocky Graziano
9—Lee Oma	Bruce Woodcock	Vic Dellicurti	Jimmy Doyle
10—Buddy Scott	Buddy Millard	Alan Woodbury	Johnny Greco

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion
International title vacant.	Willie Pep	*Manuel Ortiz	Jackie Paterson
		U. S. Army	
1—Bob Montgomery, U. S. A. (Recognized by N.Y.)	Sal Bartolo	Tony Olivera	Joe Curran
2—Willie Joyce	Nel Tarleton	Luis Castillo	Dado Marino
3—Ike Williams	Phil Terranova	Sammy Reynolds	Alec Murphy
4—Juan Zurita (Recognized by N.B.A.)	Danny Webb	Lorenzo Safora	Seaman Terry Allen
5—Bobby Ruffin	Enrique Bolanos	Benny Goldberg	Georgie Parks
6—Pedro Firpo	Chico Rosa	Jim Brady	Jackie Hughes
7—Ronnie James	Jackie Wilson	Jorge Robles	Tommy Plowright
8—Danny Bartfield	Carlos Chavez	Simon Vergara	Stumpy Butwell
9—Young Finnegan	Chalky Wright	Ronnie Clayton	Tommy Burney
10—Tony Janiro	Harry Jeffra	Mickey Colbert	Hugh Cameron

*Indicates title frozen for duration of the war—in war service.

Moore did a masterful job in whipping Nate Bolden, 10. Bolden easily licked Phil Muscato, 10. Muscato outpointed Johnny Clark, 8.

Amado Rodriquez lost to Ragon Kinney, 10; stopped Lou Miller, 5; defeated James Polk, 6. Jimmy Mulligan stowed away Bob Wade, 4; Brown Bomber, 3; drew with Coolidge Miller, 8; knocked out Bob Wade, 1.

Al Johnson defeated Eddie Finazzo, 6; stopped Leo Le Grade, 5. Sam Shumway whipped Johnny Melko, 6; stopped Johnny Haywood, 2; Alex Rebark, 3. Tuffy Reed knocked out Jerry Berthiaume, 1 (25 seconds); then outfought Berthiaume in 10.

Bobby Clark whipped Irish Ray Kelly, 4; Kelly licked Billy Heeps, 4; Fred Bailey, 4; stopped Tommy Zanos, 2; Clark kayoed Young Emery, 1. Billy Johnson defeated Freddie Graham, 6; Freddie Wilson, 6; Ted Gordon, 6; lost to J. C. Wilkins, 6. Allen Arnett beat Tommy O'Brien, 4. Jack Marr beat Joe Delaney, 12. Ern Clingan beat Doug Brown, 12. Young Frisco stopped Jim Findlay, 3. Jack Johnson stopped Alabama Kid, 6.

Hubert Hood flattened Billy Barrow, 1; licked Bob Garner, 10. Bud Hershey stopped Al Jackson, 3. Jack Brander finished off Harry Phillips, 2. Jimmy Holden drew with Sally Volter, 4; beat Freddie Lott, 4; Lott kayoed Lou Denton, 1. Alec Rebark stopped Eddie Adourian, 5.

Harry Wills drew with Art Santelli, 4. Billy Jones knocked out Billy Perry, 2; Jimmy Long, 2. Leon Szymurski defeated Jim Tate, 6. Ben Russ-Archie Coles, no-contest, 3; Russ defeated Norman Hawes, 6; kayoed Neal Stokes, 3. Coles stopped George Segura, 1. Walter Woods knocked out Brown Bomber, 5.

Bill Gallant drew with Young Hutchinson, 4. Stanley Edwards stopped Lou Presto, 4. Don Garner whipped Freddie Salensky, 4. Eddie Lust defeated Les Whiting, 6. Major Kagle flattened K.O. Brown, 4.

Davey Feld decisioned Amado Rodriguez, 6. Bobby Giles-Bill Deering, no-contest, 2. Freddie Bailey defeated Billy Heeps, 5. Russ Metcalf whipped Al Timmons, 4. Jimmy Ruzzo flattened Charley Sardo, 3; Mario Griffin, 3. Robert Ledbetter knocked out Bob Sullivan, 1. Charley Polk flattened Ira Hughes, 3. Jimmy Smith flattened Johnny Cooper, 2. Billy Pappas trounced Kid Harris, 6.

Middleweights fought with these results: Vince Hawkins licked Lefty Flynn, Bert Gilroy, 8 rounds each. Charley Burley made a successful return to the ring to whip Joe Carter, 10. Jake LaMotta knocked out Lou Schwartz, 1; George Costner, 6. Cocoa Kid lost to Johnny Carter, 10; then came back to outbox Holman Williams, 10.

Alan Woodbury won the Australian middleweight title from Jack McNamee by decision in 15 rounds. McNamee beat Ron Richards, 12. Frank Pluto beat Billie Fuller, 12. Max Cameron beat Tommy Ward, 12. Jose Basora knocked out Van (Boob) McNutt, 6.

Henry Smith licked Caesar Ferro, 6. Reedy Evans stowed away Hugh Murphy, 4; Willis Scott, 6; licked Johnny Lawer, 6; and put away Henry Chemel, 8. Lawer beat Danny Aldridge, 6. Bee Bee Washington defeated Johnny Finazzo, 10; Georgie Williams, 10. Paul Lewis flattened Irish Johnny Taylor, 5; beat Leo Turner, 10.

Billy Mayfield whipped Ernest Ramirez, 4. Jerry Maloni defeated Saint Paul, 10; the Saint whipped Berlie Lanier, 10; lost to Rudy Richardson, 10. Casimir Sagulski won over Clem Fitzpatrick, 6. Frank Sweeney stopped Leroy Fleming, 3; licked Okie Greer, 8; Nick Manfredo, 10. Len Bennett defeated Al Marson, 8.

Luther Brent stopped George Taylor, 2; Roy McQueen, 1. Bobby Brown broke even with Larry Carter, 6. George Segura stopped Lloyd Sage, 2.

Tony Soave knocked out Al Carson, 4; defeated Tony Gouveia, 6; won on a foul from Bobby Zollo, 4; stopped Al Pinel, 3; licked Ace Wallace, 6. Joe (Butch) Lynch defeated Rudy Richardson, 8. Harry Shaw drew with Ray Raymond, 6. Jackie Burke licked Roman Starr, 10. Johnny Moran outpointed Mike Welch, 6; kayoed Solly Zalter, 1; Bobby Samuels, 1. Zalter licked Walter Stanbach, 4.

Dal Conway beat Cliff Bowen, 12. Robert Charon whipped Jules Despaux, 15. Johnny Boyd won over Jack Lewis, 10. Jackie Wilson stopped Jackie Potts, 5. Lew Perez flattened Ernest Barnwell, 1. Eddie Beasley whipped Dave Carver, 6; Walter Cunningham, 6.

Oscar Boyd finished even with Tommy Mollis, 6. Mollis was kayoed by Sammy Daniels, 3; Boyd licked Billy Purnell, 8. Mike Welch whipped Johnny Mara, 6; Mara stopped Billy Williams, 3. Joe Blackwood defeated Billy Thompson, 6; stopped Al Finazzo, 3. Nate Smith decisioned Roy Cruz, 4; Cruz stopped Tommy Green, 3. Nelson Canty knocked out Jimmy Long, 2. Lou Angelo whipped Freddie Graham, 6.

Lou Miller went to a draw with Steve Kish, 4; Lew Perez, 6. Vic Belanger stopped Paulie Ryan, 2. Ted Gordon avenged a knockout loss by defeating Ralph Tiovelli, 6. Dom Youvella, 6; Youvella trounced Freddie Graham, 6. Leroy Watson stopped Eddie Lee, 1. Manuel Dorsey decisioned Lanny Drew, 4. Benny McCombs flattened Cleve Bailey, 1; licked Ross Strickland, 6.

Billy Williams flattened Tony Amiola, 3. Sampson Powell punched too hard for Mario Ochoa, 8. Ochoa won over Gus Alexander, 6. Powell won a close one from Eddie Taylor, 10. Joe Reddick defeated Freddie Wilson, 6; kayoed Jimmy Hayden, 9.

Max Cameron won on a foul over Al Walker, 5. Jimmy "Top Row" Allen knocked out Speedy Cannon, 2. Cannon whipped Pete Viratos, 6. Sid Jones finished even with Chuck Ross, 4; then fought twice in one night knocking out Russ Smitty, 4; and drew with Al McDonald, 4. Gee Sparry whipped Leonard Trader, 6.

Gilbert Whiteside defeated Ran Jackson, 4. Ossie (Bulldog) Harris won a close one from Cowboy Reuben Shank, 10. Richard Pugh stopped Sonny Savoy, 4. Bobby Samuels halted Bobby Barrett, 1. David Broad flattened Leroy Charleston, 2. Ray Dioses stopped Byron Johnson, 1.

Art Lind knocked out Alvin Gordon, 5. Joe Sutka whipped Curley Denton, 6. Tony Del Gatto finished Randy Drew, 5; licked Lew Perez, 6. Billy Cooper defeated Dave Carver, 6. Tony Mar flattened Harry Lane, 2.

Steve Kish knocked out Bobby Smith, 3; defeated Dave Carver, 4. Joey Albino whipped Edgar Robinson, 6. Charley Sardo won over Al Barbosa, 6. Jack Cavanaugh stopped Clem Pariso, 2.

Eric Best decisioned Clarence Wilkinson, 4. Gordon Griffith defeated Terry Tinker, 8. Bert Gilroy won over Pat O'Connor, 8. Joe Hart flattened Eddie Thompson, 1. Tony Petro drew with Mike Lucas, 8.

Artie Levine knocked out Lou Miller, 2; Willie Watkins, 4. Buzz Brown flattened Joey Hartfield, 2. Vecie Van knocked out Larry Watson, 2. Pete Herrera stopped Johnny Adams, 2. Flat Doyle whipped Frank Olsaway, 6.

Marty Doyle defeated Doyle Hirt, 6. Willie Brown put away Louis Hardman. Bud Singleton licked Billy Smith, 4. Reecy Davis decisioned Joey Albina, 6. Joe Grant and Fred Corlen drew, 8.

Gene Roberts defeated Vic Chambers, 6; Mansfield Driskell, 6. Johnny Hunt stopped Billy Smith, Bud Singleton, 3. Roy Crews flattened Johnny Martin, 3. Bob Gladman put away George Boca, 3. Ritchie Sands stopped Jack Smith, 12. Ralph Lee defeated Bob Hawkins, 4. Tommy Ward beat Ritchie Sands, 12. Dave Sands stopped Jack Brander, 2. Len Dittmar beat Roy Dunn, 12. Tommy Colteaux beat Tony Villa, 8.

Pat Saia knocked out Jimmy McNeill, 3. Jerry Fiorello beat Willis Scott, 8. Red Rasmussen drew with Jimmy "Top Row" Allen, 6. Collins Brown knocked out Buddy Rose, 6. Jabbin' Foots decisioned Johnny Gordon, 10.

Clem Fitzpatrick decisioned Ralph Dougherty, 6. Bert Lytell continued his winning ways by knocking out Jim Hayden, 3. Cpl. Eddie Martin defeated Tony Brush, 5. Lepp Webster licked Henry Kid Robinson, 6. Joe Wayne stopped Johnny Dezinski, 3. Cleve Kelly whipped Rube Flores, 4. Ray Peterson won over Eddie Halligan, 6. Bobby Dance knocked out Bunky Wall, 3. Rudy Franklin whipped Bobby Samuels, 6. Jimmy Reeves trimmed Oscar Boyd, 8. J. C. Wilkins outfought Billy Johnson, 6.

Welterweights showed these results: Jimmy McDaniels knocked out Sammy Mammone, 1. Fritzie Zivic put out the lights for Ben Evans, 8; Manuel Villa, 8. Ceferino Garcia defeated Mike Lucas, 8. Jimmy Doyle beat Ralph Zannelli, 10; and Chuck Hunter, 10. Zannelli beat Lige Drew, 10. Harold Green knocked out Larney Moore, 4. Johnny Green licked Sidney Miller, Indian Gomez, Jackie Wilson, 10 rounds each.

Robert Fowler upset the highly-touted O'Neill Bell, 8. Freddie Archer defeated Howell Steen, 10. Mansfield Driskell won over Dan Calcano, 6. Calcano was stopped by Vincent Jones, 3. Jack Tarzan whipped Johnny Dube, 6; knocked out Hubert Winfield, 2. Jimmy Molloy flattened Bob McLuckie, 8.

Joe Orsatelli surprised by knocking out George Odwell, 8; Odwell then lost to Ernie Roderick, 8. George Dilks put away Johnny MacDonald, 3.

Frank Woodcock whipped Tom Blawright, 8. Jack Burns beat Freddie Steele, 10. Harry Lazar won on a foul over Harry Davis, 5; Davis was stopped by Leo Phillips, 3. Lefty (Satan) Flynn lost to Vince Hawkins, 8; whipped Gwyn Williams, Arthur Danahar, 8 rounds each.

Tommy Gargano whipped Jackie Reemes, 6; lost to Baudelio Valencia, 6; Fernand Demers, 6; Demers drew with Jimmy Mills, 6. Joe LaMotta flattened Lee Black, 2; Jimmy Campbell, 1; Al Jackson, 1; Baudelio Valencia, 3. Harry Durden put away Teddy Wilson, 4; Eric Best, 3.

George (Red) Doty defeated Mario Miscelli, 10; kayoed Jimmy Mazzio, 2. Eddie Davis whipped Kid Lewis, 5. Kenny James decisioned Tony Petro, 6. Vincent Jones knocked out Henry Jordan, 2; Dan Calcano, 3; Walter LaMarr, 2; Jordan upset the favored Jerry Fiorello, 8. Al Mobley defeated Russ Hawkins, 6.

Jerry Pittro knocked out Robert Weatherly, 1. Jimmy Mazzio flattened "Red" Ford, 1; defeated Chick Smith, 4. Jimmy Palmer looked good in winning from Joe Blackwood, 6; knocked out Mansfield Driskell, 3.

Gene Boland whipped Mack Ivory, 4. Billy Snead was too smooth for Flat Top Cummings, 4. Georgie Williams threw too many punches for Rocky Luciano, 8; lost to Jesse Moraney, 10.

Freddie Camuso trimmed Julie Bort, 10; Charley Smith, 10; drew with Jimmy Mills, 10. Joey Gambaro licked Jimmy Taylor, 8; Johnny Rinaldi, 6. Llewellyn Strohlin whipped Butch O'Hara, 6. Louis Montez trimmed Sabas Jamito, 5. Billy Napper defeated Al Hallie, 6; lost to Ceferino Bronco, 6; licked Tiger Flowers, 8; Bronco stopped Joe Gillis, 4. Johnny Ryan flattened Felix Morales, 3.

Juan Ferrera outpointed Johnny Duke, 6. Leonard Trader finished even with Gee Sparry, 6; Sparry licked Trader in a return go, 6; Trader flattened Lenny Glennon, 4. Tim McCarthy whipped Jim Redd, 4; again in 6. Ballesandro Carubia defeated George Holden, 6; kayoed Baudelio Valencia, 4; Dan Calcano, 2.

Al Barbosa flattened Al Pinel, 4; defeated Pinel, 6; Al Michaud, 3; Pinel stopped Billy Williams, 5. Barbosa whipped Tommy Sloan, 6. Jimmy Lane stopped Johnny Freeman, 2. Petey Wheatstraw knocked out Chino Rodriguez, 1.

Bob Ferris decisioned Gilbert Whiteside, 4; Gil licked Ran Jackson, 4. Elmer Lewis outpointed Benny Black, 4; stopped Johnny Lopez, 4; Will Jones, 3. Bozo Costantino whipped Nat Hutchins, 4. Jay Anderson flattened Jack Moore, 2; Teddy Wilson, 4; licked Lou Spurdis, 4.

Billy Mayfield stopped Jack Potter, 3. Tom Collins decisioned Tony Brandino, 8; Brandino beat Pat Giordano, 8; Tom Collins, 10. Lige Drew whipped Al Evans, 10. Frankie Fischer trounced Jerry McGee, 4; drew with Georgie Bass, 4. Bass lost to Julie Cross, 4. Tommy Mollis defeated Smuggy Hersey, 6.

Freddie Veratti stopped Jimmy Riley, 1; Billy Hamilton, 2. Al (Bummy) Davis knocked out Rudy Giscombe, 6. Joe Curcio whipped Jerry Fiorello, 10. Billy Ellison flattened Jimmy Cook, 1. Tony Mancuso decisioned Tony Sullivan, 4; Georgie Bass, 4; George Lent, 4. Billy Nixon won over Joey Falco, 8.

Johnny (Red) Fees bowled over Charley Howley, 1; Fees was stopped by Tommy Daniels, 4. Alonzo McDonald knocked out Gene O'Brien, defeated Billy Mayfield, 4. Don Ellis flattened Kid Butler, 1. Hugh Stell decisioned Bill Trillo, 4 (twice); drew with Alonzo Williams, 4.

Walter Stanbach defeated Nat Hutchins, 4; Bill Ellison, 4. Frankie Abrams whipped Dan Robinson, 8; lost to Bill Parsons, 8. Parsons defeated Sidney Miller, 10. Joe Keyes decisioned Kenny LaSalle, 10. Pedro Jiminez was too good for Charley Catos, 6; Lincoln Stanley, 6. K.O. Peterson stopped Stan Watson, 1. Jack Kirkham knocked out Frank Duff, 10.

Wally Burns decisioned Frank Kennedy, 12. Ken Murphy flattened Bud Morgan, 1. Bill Wooller whipped Billy Hamilton, 8. Bob Garafalo drew with Chick Smith, 4; kayoed Smith, 3. Willie Russell defeated Art (Honey) Robinson, 8; kayoed Bruce Gardner, 2; Robinson licked Henry Jordan, 10. Cliff Beckett knocked out Fred Patterson, 3; Johnny Mara, 1; licked Freddie Graham, 6.

Bill (Jiggs) Donahue won over Georgie Williams, 8. Freddie Silvano stopped Ray Young, 1. Johnny Eaton flattened Gene Gudgill, 3. Charley Hilton decisioned Pedro Flores, 4. Johnny Worthey whipped Benny Andy, 4; Kid Williams, 4.

Tommy Green stopped Nate Smith, 1. Dom Parent put away Red Ray, 1. Manuel Villa stowed away Ed Wright, 1. Neva Esparza whipped Sammy Mammone, 8. Don Lee flattened Charley O'Kelly, 6.

Al Salas knocked out Ernesto Ramirez, 1. Sammy Daniels stopped Tommy Mollis, 3. Joe Gannon defeated Jerome Pratt, 8. Dave Junior licked Frankie Ross, 8. Tony Riccio again finished even with Pat Giordano, 10. Kid Filipino knocked out Paul Altman, 7.

Freddie Dixon stopped Ernie (Cat) Robinson, 5. Jimmy Sherrer put away O'Neill Bell, 1. Ossie Sussman won over Albin Buczek, 4; Vic Belanger, 6. Gwyn Williams knocked out Billy Stevens, 7.

Lefty (Stan) Flynn stopped Jackie Wilson, 3. Jimmy Brunt whipped George Merritt, 8. Billy Stevens licked Bill McCarthy, 10. Mick Gibbons defeated Jim Hurst, 10; Tommy Hendry, 8.

Dick Shields whipped Harry Lazar, 10; stopped Cyril Wills, 5; Wills won on a foul over Jimmy Moore, 8. Claude Dennington defeated Freddie Young, 6. Lem Hatchett stopped Ray Kong, 2. Johnny Suarez won on a foul over Cecil Hudson, 8.

Tony Neives stopped Kid Chocolate Tindwell, 1; Tindwell was stopped by Phil Montes. Duane Everett whipped Speedy Cannon, 6. Ted Jamison defeated Johnny Meadows, 4; Bobby Rounds, 4. Bobby Taylor licked Johnny Verdusco, 4. Luther Johnson fought twice in one night winning 4-round decisions over Tiger Bruns, Willie Tindwell. Catfish Bourgeois drew with Pete Mirabella, 6.

Kid Azteca knocked out Eddie Cerda, 6. Leo Romanello decisioned Joey Manfro, 6. Moby Beceril defeated Russ Long, 4. Artie Dorrell put away Rene DeLeon, 6. Jimmy Shaw stopped Benny Black, 2. Jack Besselman licked Eddie

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Austin Johnson, Atlantic City, N. J.

Light-heavyweight — Dulford (Tuffy) Reed, Trenton, N. J.

Middleweight—Tony Soave, Newport, Rhode Island.

Welterweight—Jack Tarzan, Torrington, Conn.

Lightweight — Leon Spencer, Cleveland, Ohio.

Featherweight — Humberto Sierra, Havana, Cuba.

Bantamweight—Billy Lima, Havana, Cuba.

Flyweight—Mickey Hill, Australia.

Stravosky, 4; again in 6. Tony De Rosa flattened Julie Cross, 4; whipped Lou Valles, 4. Milton Kessler knocked out Thaddeus Cabey, 2.

Norm Gent kayoed Johnny Ryan, 1. Laurie Petersen kayoed Tommy Hunter, 5. Ray Dunn beat Colin Hoddy, 12. Al Kimber stopped Ron Herren, 5. Jack Samuels kayoed Len Kimber, 7.

Berry Wright whipped Frankie Young, 8. Gene Brown won over Al McDonald, 4. Paul (Country) Ferguson knocked out Tony Amoroso, 5. Charley Parham stopped Savior Canadeo, 3. Pete Pauline halted Joe Dallo, 2.

Auriel Coutoure decisioned Don Lee, 10. Ace Dundee put away Mickey Belletiere, 4. Vincent LaSalva upset Pete DeRuzza, 8. Vic Costa stopped Milton Kessler, 5. Gus Robinson knocked out David Holtz, 1. Joe Celletti outpointed Don Parent, 6.

Charley Howley defeated Gee Sparry, 6. Tony Gouveia licked Johnny Mara, 6. Pat Patucci stopped Bob Jennings, 1. Chino Rodriguez licked Jackie Cooper, 4. Steve Bilko knocked out Jerry Pura, 1. Clarence Wilkinson beat Vince Gigante, 4. Gary Cooper flattened Jimmy Riley, 2. Charley Fusari stopped Jimmy McDowell, 2. Sam Wynn put away George Dresser, 1. Mel Allen put away Jack Rowe, 2. Irish Johnny Taylor drew with Pedro Jiminez.

The lightweights fared as follows: Ronnie James decisioned Dick Shields, 8. Bob Montgomery put away Genero Rojo, 8. Pedro Firpo trounced Larry Bolvin, 10; Bobby Smith, 10. Ike Williams flattened Dorsey Lay, 3. Bobby Ruffin whipped Al Guido, 10. Tony Janiro easily defeated Alex Doyle, 8; knocked out Humberto Zavala, 4. Zavala defeated Pat Demers, 10.

Young Finnegan knocked out Emilio Castrillo, 4; defeated Kid Bururu, 15. Bob Fuller beat Archie Rash, 12.

Sid Haber defeated Orlando Ferrara, 6. Ferrara lost to Ray Rogers, 6. Haber kayoed Ferrara, 1. Bobby Esterita licked Johnny Land, 4. Bearham Vitale defeated Nick Primiani, 4; lost to Freddie Bernhardt, 4; Bernhardt whipped Hubert Winfield, 4; Jimmy Saunders, 4. Jerry Zullo surprised by knocking out Gus Mell, 1; Mell stopped Zullo in a return go in 5.

Leon Spencer whipped Joey Peralta, 10; Peralta lost to Phil Palmer, 8. Palmer also beat Johnny Williams, 8; and Solomon Stewart, 8. Jimmy Rizzo defeated Vic Jade, 6; stopped George Theus, 3. Jean Barriere stopped Al Freda, 5; lost to Chilindrina Valencia, 10; then went on to knock out Tommy Moore, 5.

Eddie Lander flattened A. C. Lee, 5. Jackie Rankin won on a foul over Tom Hendrie, 4. Ralph Moss licked Paddy Ross, 8; lost to Harry Hughes, 8. Warren Kendall lost to Johnny Price, 8; knocked out Johnny Ward, 5; and Price lost to Wilbur James in 8. Hal Cartwright won on a foul over Dave Finn, 2.

Freddie Bernhardt won over Steve Bilko, 4; Pete Martinez, 4. Vic Pignataro knocked out Frankie Gromada, 2. Pignataro was stopped by Buddy Garcia, 6. Julie Bort defeated Georgie Bass, 4 (twice); Pete Martin, 6.

Joey Manfro whipped Ralph Walton, 8; Walton lost to Ray Brown, 8. Leo Romanello whipped Joey Manfro, 6. Nick Stato defeated Freddie Polowitzer, 6; knocked out Jesse James, 4; Jimmy Allen, 1. Bobby Ellis knocked out Charlie Grant, 2; drew with Caswell Harris, 6.

Arbie Bowie flattened Eddie Reardon, 5; licked Billy Bates, 6; Joe Miller, 8. Terry Cooper decisioned Rocky Kansas, 4; stopped Benny Revere, 1. Cooper was stopped by Al Michaud, 4. Baby Tiger Flowers won over Mickey Paul, 6; Frankie MacDougal, 6. Eddie Miller kayoed Les Fitzgerald, 6. Pat Scanlon flattened Joey O'Neil, 2; Pat Butler, 2; licked Tony Pellons, 6; Ruby Kessler, 8.

Nick Primiani stopped Ike Blanton, 3; Joey O'Neil, 2; defeated Ellis Simley, 4; knocked out Carl Olson, 3; Jackie Savino, 2. Al Wooster put away Babe Querion, 1; Joey Higgins, 4. Sal Giglio knocked out Frank Falni, 2; lost to Pat Di Marco, 4. Charlie Hoffmann finished even with Jimmy Henderson, 4. Billy Sparks halted Nick Kachardus, 4. Norville Gaddis defeated Gary Rice, 6.

Sammy Parrotta whipped Billy Reed, 6. Abie Kauffman upset Charley Smith, 10; Smith licked Emmett Grier, 6. Eddie Smith defeated Vic Jade, 6; Joey Genovese, 6; Genovese put away Oscar St. Pierre, 8. Joe Colon knocked out Pete Nowokowski, 3. Charlie Bennett stopped Eddie Mara, 3. Johnny Cool put away Earl Mintz, 4; Norman See, 1; Rocky Progano, 10. See stopped Marty Pemba, 5. Pemba put away Bobby Ransome, 2. Cool lost to Pat Demers, 10.

Julio Franco drew with Willie Bowen, 4. Petey Mirabella whipped Harry Lane, 6. Al Michaud defeated Pedro Carvelho, 6; Carvelho whipped Bill Poller, 4.

George LaRover won over Paulie Jackson, 8; stopped Steve Bellus, 4; defeated Jackie Peters, 6; knocked out Johnny (Red) Fees, 6. Torito Ramos decisioned Memo Llanes, 10. Willie Thomas licked Talbert Anderson, 6. Jesse Flores trounced Tony Martino, 4; stopped Ollie Belger, 1. Jackie Pennington outsmarted Billy Wilson, 6; stopped Pat Doyle, 3; Pat Doyle whipped Joe Celletti, 6. Kid Williams drew with Ray Nulph, 4; lost to Nulph, 5; Nulph drew with Art Price, 5. Dave Freeman trounced Joe Amico, 8. Johnny Fry flattened York Howell, 2; defeated Charley Hilton, 6.

Dom Amoroso won a close one from Bobby Smith, 6; and then Amoroso was flattened by Jorge Morelia, 9. Charley Howard whipped Tommy Anderson, 4. Billy Graham trounced Herbie Solomon, 6; Jeff Holloway, 8. Solomon was stopped by Ernie Davis, 1. Mike Konnors finished off Lou Prince, 5; Milton Bell, 3; Manuel Torres, 6. Abel Lucero defeated Joe Gorman, 4. Billy Banks flattened Jackie Thompson, 5; defeated Billy Morris, 8.

Wesley Mouzon sprang an upset by kayoing Santa Bucca, 3. Maxie Starr whipped Lou Maxwell, 8. Wilford Scott beat Bourbon Murphy, 4. Frankie Curry stopped Milt Bernstein, 3. Yvon Cote flattened Freddie Gilbo, 1.

Mario Torres defeated Joe Griffo, 6; Freddie Polowitzer, 6 (twice); Ray Rogers, 6. Joey Pirrone put away Patsy Zoccano, 1. Lee Garrett vanquished Johnny Virgo, 5; Virgo beat Garrett, 5.

Johnny Bo Harris downed Ralph Deans, 1; licked Tommy Mills, 6; knocked out Herbie Solomon, 5. Mills whipped Tommy Sloan, 6. Solomon lost to Billy Graham, 6; and lost in 6 to Clarence Cotton King. King beat Jimmy Mason in 6; Max Gonzales, 6.

Tony Argo shaded Bill Richardson, 4 (twice). James Davis flattened Charley Grant, 1. Grant lost to Kid Butler, 4. Dave Butler beat Sammy Montana, 6. Melvin Bartholomew knocked out Jimmy Martin, 4. Johnny Shields finished even with Bob Fuller, 12. Billy Sinclair outpointed Jim Pickering, 10.

Bobby Rose put away Mickey Walker, 4. Claude Wookey won on a foul over Mickey Tollis, 4. Jack Bridges nodded Ken Nelson, 12. Joey Savidan whipped Johnny Verdusco, 4.

Jimmie Bowie stopped Ernie Lord, 2. Lee Jones flattened Pat Patucci, 5. Joey Angelo whipped Harry Hitlian, 8. Willie Calhoun trounced Jeff Holloway, 8. Jimmy Collins defeated Russ Regalbuto, 6. Paddy Slavin stopped Bernie Williams, 3. Mick Thomas beat Al Cummings, 12.

Freddie Dawson knocked out Ernie Petrone, 3. Carl Olson decisioned Vinnie Melito, 4. Melito licked Marcus McCrea, 4. Will Jones drew with Bourbon Murphy, 4. Harold Valan drew with Alejandro Vega, 10. Vega lost to Ray Salas, 10. Kid Tagg stopped Leon Jones, 1, Sheik Forman, 3.

Johnny Cesario whipped Baby Sims, 10. Donnie Maes drew with Alejandro Vega, 10. Johnny Bratton defeated Patsy Spataro, 8. Rene Cantero flattened Joey Miller, 2. Mariano Pacceo (Mario Torres) kayoed Johnny Rolax, 2. Charley Wooster stopped Jackie Pennington, 1; Eddie George, 3. Blaine Macomber whipped Kid King, 4. Young Strang defeated James Trebble, 4. Allie Abbott stopped Rickey Monteiro, 3; George Dresser, 2.

Tommy Foxall defeated Billy Taylor, 8. Dave Finn defeated Dave Crowley, 12. Crowley won over George Pook, 8. Johnny Russell drew with Hal Cartwright, 8. Harry Hughes stopped Tommy Miller, 7. Bob Bates whipped Billy Williams, 8.

Jackie Rankin stopped Ben Duffy, 4; licked Bobby Ramsay, 8. Ramsey defeated Warren Kendall, 8. Joey Angelo stopped Frankie Conti, 8. Pat Scanlon whipped Archie Gibbons, 10. Eddie Owens stopped Willie Edmonds, 4.

Tony Chavez flattened Johnny Costa, 4. Al Jordan put away Del Cockayne, 6. Jimmy Jiminette defeated Jimmy Bo, 4. Benny Andy stopped Al Carter, 2; Leon Jones, 3. Eddie Simmons flattened Johnny Chapman, 1.

Jimmy Kidd Hatcher defeated Tommy Rotolo, 10. Clyde Diamond put away Billy Vernon, 4; Jimmy Belmont, 5. Al Spencer defeated Eddie Hudson, 10.

Freddie Addeo stopped Charley Watkins, 3. Nick Stenson whipped Melvin Bartholomew, 5. Paul Williams defeated Freddie Tucker, 4.

Georgie Hansford licked Manuel Villagran, 10. Gene Spencer whipped Guy Serean, 10. Al Gomez stopped Doll Rafferty, 5. Bobby Henry defeated Tony Ferry, 6. Frankie Franconeri drew with Orlando Ferrara, 6. Billy Wilson drew with Billy Napper, 6. Rocco Lescio flattened Ellis Simley, 1. Ralph Walton finished even with Alex Doyle, 8. Johnny Hitt put away Joey Neill, 1; Howard Gordon, 1. Willie Marcus whipped Sylvester Williams, 4. Tony Mande flattened George Dresser, 1. Buddy Freeman stopped Willie Smith, 4.

Enrique Cardoza decisioned Baby Colimber, 10. Al Johnson kayoed Cec Rogers in 3 and Johnson beat Norm Richard, 8. Reg Tozer beat Harvey Roe, 8. Johnny King stopped Ron Kay, 6.

Sonny Hill licked Wilfred Scott, 4. Leo Melito decisioned Earl Mintz, 4. Lulu Costantino lost to George Cooper, 10. Defeated Cooper in a return go, 10. Ray Brown licked Ralph Walton, 8, Mike Bulik, 10. Frankie Hardeman (Baby Beau) whipped Jimmy Mason, 6. Bernard Docusen defeated Monty Pignatore, 6.

Here are the featherweight bouts: Jackie Wilson outboxed Cleo Shans, 10 and his bout with Chalky Wright was declared no contest in the seventh round. Danny Webb continued his kayo spree and finished Johnny Russell, 4; whipped Tommy Davies, 10, Ben Duffy, 8. Enrique Bolanos flattened Eli Golindo, 4 and outpointed Bobby Gonzales, 10. Carlos Chavez knocked out Joey Kushner, 3. Phil Terranova trimmed Leroy Willis, 10.

Harry Jeffra defeated Leroy Jackson, 8 (twice). Johnny Wolgast whipped Jimmy Allen, 6; outpointed Tony Cocco, 8, and defeated Tony Cucco, 8. Jackie Graves flattened Charley Riley, 1. Kid Tanner drew with Darkie Wilkinson, 6. Billy Alexander kayoed Mickey Francis, 5.

Ray Young whipped Joe Edmonds, 4. Felix Ramirez flattened Florian Bibeau, 1, then was kayoed by Harold (Cannonball) Gibson, 3. Eddie Compo licked Mario Torres, 6. Billy Brent defeated Vic Young, 6; drew with Ernie Sanchez, 6; defeated Joey Mace, 6.

Bert Jackson stopped Jimmy Higgins, 8, defeated Ben Duffy, 12. Duffy drew with Syd Worgan, 10. Billy Barton finished even with Dennis Chadwick, 8. Al Pennino went to a draw with Charley Noel, 8, lost to Mario Colon, 8, beat Colon in 8. Sammy Garcia put away Eli Santillo, 2, licked Blond Tiger, 6.

Billy Murray knocked out Benny Revere, 1, stopped Sammy Montana, drew with Leo Macucci, 4. Montana was also stopped by Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 3, and lost in 6 to David Butler. Montana was stopped by George Butler, 3. Paul Febbo stopped Tommy Klinges. Larney Mosely whipped Eddie Mullen, 4, stopped Gene Rhodes, 4, lost to Eddie Mullen, 6. Battling Rosendo flattened Chuck Edwards, 2, Edwards and Eddie Sangster —no-decision, 3. Eddie Sangster drew with Joey Savidan, 4.

Jimmy McAllister defeated Mario Colon, 6, Colon licked Earl Trader, 10. Al Starling drew with Paul Midiri, 6. Archie Stieb knocked out Mike Trapani, 2. Sandy Saddler stopped Joe Montiero, 4, Georgie Knox, 4, Jimmy Allen, 1. Allen licked Willie Alexander, 6. Billy Carroll defeated Earl Mintz, 4, and 6, lost to Georgie Knox, 6. Biff Jones licked Paul Midiri, 4, again in 6.

Bobby Smith trounced Ray Morris, 10. Petey Virgin won a brawl from Danny Petro, 11. Chilindrina Valencia outpointed Jean Barriere, 10. Ted Christie whipped Mickey Quack, 8. Fidel Aguilar whipped Battling Rosendo, 4. Frankie Dee flattened Babe Carmen, 1. Bill Swoboda licked Frankie Adams, 4.

Young Lee Q. Murray drew with Caswell Harris, 6. Bluey Devereaux whipped Joe Wetherall, 4. Tony Ferry decisioned Art Gomez, 6. Jackie Callura went to a draw with Paul Reguejo, 6. Billy Nelson whipped Marcel Fournier, 6.

Archie Wilmer defeated Pat Demers, 8. Eddie Demers stopped George Dresser, 1. George Butler flattened Sammy Montana, 3. Art Gomes, 4, George Dresser 1, Hal Lee 2, Art Gomes 4. Buddy Hayes vanquished Vinnie Vazzo, 8 and stopped Sammy Montana, 3. Ernesto Reid knocked out Percival Maynard, 2 and Young Ashton, 6.

Humberto Sierra licked Paul Reguejo, 10. Reguejo whipped Billy Reed, 10. Lloyd Batiste drew with Henry Briere, 4. Angelo Ambrosano whipped Lucky Johnson, 6. Johnny Manuel stopped Lou Noble, 1. Bobby Polowitzer stopped Al Triola, 1, defeated Earl Mintz, 6, Rudy Matero, 6. Bud Christman decisioned Billy Brent, 8.

George De Gideo whipped Pete Bolos, 6. Steve Curley knocked out Al Starling, 1. Jimmy Saunders defeated Tony Ferry, 6. Wilf Perkins won on a foul over Cliff Morris, 2.

Syd Worgan licked Kid Tanner, 8, Willie Grey, 10. Jimmy Stubbs walloped Jim Brady, 10. Benny Revere put away Young Barrette, 2.

Billy Murray flattened Hal Lee, 2. Victor Flores stopped Lou Alter, 4. Freddie Russo knocked out Georgie Harper, 6. Ralph Lara lost to Billy Hale, 6.

Tommy Pauley whipped Don Aiken, 6. Georgie Cooper defeated Lulu Costantino, 10. Augie Lapara won over Marcel Fournier, 10. Alter put away Earl Mintz, 4. Steve Kronis put away Tony Ferry, 1.

Chilindrina Valencia licked Willie Anderson, 8. Larry Bolvin easily whipped Harold Gibson, 10. Johnny Land drew with Johnny Booker, 4.

Kudo Ortiz stopped Terry Finley, 2. Diogenes Leon whipped Charley Noel, 6.

The bantamweight bouts follow: Tony Olivera put out the lights for Pancho Arizmendi, 4. Luis Castillo whipped Lorenzo Safora, 10. Simon Vergara knocked out John Pino, 8. Cesar Leal knocked out Gojo Costanedo, 4. Alcides Rios won from Al Burrago, 4.

Johny Perry won over Louis Ortega, 4. Theo Medina whipped Rene Megret, 10. Mickey Colbert licked Danny Kagle, 8. Ivor Gravell defeated George Thomas, 10.

Frankie Pucci knocked out Mike Crouchelli, 2, was knocked out by Benny May, 2. Semplicio Costales put away Jim Lloyd, 2. Tony Generalo flattened Kid McCoy, 1. Art Gomes whipped Dave Butler, 4. Clinton Davidson stopped Joe Fury, 4.

Sal Clementi won over Jimmy Klinges, 4, won on a foul over Saint Jamison, 2. Pee Wee Swingler defeated Battling Rosendo, 4. Mickey Jones whipped Dennis Timoney, 10. Sid Clayton stopped Freddie Smith, 1. Billy Lima defeated Doug Lester, 6.

Jorge Robles decisioned Elwood Romero, 10. Val Valentino knocked out Ponce Jurado, 1. Trini Ortiz drew with Benny Cousins, 4. Jay Jans stopped Victor Llanes, 1.

Ricky Silvia defeated Eddie Demers, 4. Jimmy Parlin stopped Saint Jamison, 5.

The leading flyweight contests: Jackie Peterson defeated Jackie Grimes, 8. Joe Curran whipped Johnny Regan, 10, knocked out Dennis Timoney, 10. Benny Cousins defeated Jay Jans, 4.

Dado Marino was held to a draw by Gus Rosa, 6. Mickey Hill fought two main events in one night stopping both opponents, Reg Gilbert, 2, Les Feighan, 1. Lt. Joe Gagnon stopped Johnny Mack, 5. Jackie Hughes defeated Tommy Plowright, 8.

Peter Fallon licked Freddie Cotton, 8, Cotton stopped Jack Bonas, 3, Bonas licked Moe Walker, 8. Tom Smith decisioned Archie Hannon, 8. Terry Allen whipped Hassan Abou Saada, Sapper Johnstone, 6 each.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

THE Los Angeles *Times* Golden Gloves team did exceptionally well in the Tournament of Champions at Chicago last month. The 7-man team (Al Williams, heavyweight, couldn't make the trip) bagged two titles, and only three of the team were eliminated in the first three nights of competition. The Los Angeles scrappers won 16 of their 21 contests, 8 by K.O.'s. The California team also came within one point of winning the team trophy, chalking up 14 points to Chicago's 15.

The two winners were Dolph Quijano, light-heavy, and Johnny Garcia, middleweight. The runners-up were Roscoe Scally, lightweight, and Aldo LuPari, flyweight. The California boys made a tremendous hit with Chicago fans, so much so, that five of the Los Angeles team were invited to box on the Windy City team in the inter-city meet between Chicago and New York.

The Los Angeles team was in charge of Harry Winkler, Director of Bouts of the L. A. *Times* Golden Gloves Tournament, and Braven Dyer, Sports Editor of the *Times*.

All right, you guys in the upper bracket of the lightweight division, make room for a chocolate-colored boy of Los Angeles, Bobby Yeager, who wants to sit up there alongside of you—and will. Bobby qualified as a member of your set by the manner in which he disposed of Raul Zenit Cruz of Mexico, in their setto at the Hollywood Stadium.

Had the Mexican battler just arrived in our beautiful city (C. of C. please note) we might pass off Yeager's feat with just a "so what?" (we have had some of those kind sent up from Mexico) but Cruz had proved himself the real thing by having whipped three local boxers in this same ring.

Yeager boxed nicely to outpoint Cruz (formerly Zenit) in the opening round, jabbing him with a left and shaking him up with a stiff right to the jaw. Cruz tore into close quarters in the second heat and the boys were in a hot exchange when Bobby whipped up a short right upper-cut that landed on Raul's chin and deposited the Mexican flat on his back for the full count. Yeager weighed 137, Cruz 139.

In supporting bouts: Rosendo Trejho, 127, whipped Henry Zamora, 130, in six-round semi; Bob Farris, 149, was awarded unpopular decision over Jimmy Shans, 146, in four; Lloyd Batiste, 131, won from Eddie Sangster, 130, in four; Hugh Stell, 148, defeated Bill Trillo, 150, in four; Levi Board, 138, T.K.O.'d Roosevelt Dancer, 137, in two.

Buddy Millard of Indianapolis proved too good for youthful John Donnelly of Kansas City in a 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Millard poured in a steady stream of left hooks to the head and occasional rights to the body to win handily over his less experienced foe. However, Donnelly gave Buddy plenty of trouble and slowed the Indianapolis heavy down midway in the bout, but ran out of petrol in the late rounds.

Millard copped the first two rounds handily with left hooks. Donnelly eked out narrow margins in the next two heats with a body attack, but was hooked out of the 5th and 6th frames. John kept the going close in the 7th and 8th rounds, but faded badly in the final two heats. However, it was a very creditable performance for Donnelly, a promising young Negro who has had less than a dozen bouts.

Other results: Gene Jensen K.O.'d Lucio Beltran (5), Chick Musgrove iced Manuel Robles (3), Billy Curtis decisioned Joe Corona (4), Joe O'Signac and Al Pittman fought a draw (4), Lloyd Batiste defeated Val Valentine (4).

Bob Montgomery made another appearance before Los Angeles fans and chalked up a second victory. The Philadelphia Negro was more impressive in his second California start, partly because of the other fight under his belt and partly because his foe wasn't as tough a customer as he faced in his Los Angeles debut. At any rate, the lightweight contender did not have to work as hard or as long to add this win to his record. The victim in this case was Genero Rojo and the battleground was the Olympic.

A capacity crowd of 10,400 (a couple of thousand were turned away) witnessed the scrap, which was a good one all the way, even though it became rather one-sided before the finish. Montgomery was ahead in each of the first three rounds, but only by a small margin, as the 10-to-1 underdog fought every inch of the way. In the 4th and 5th, Rojo did even better and held his own by parking some hard rights on the Quaker City battler's jaw.

It was in the 6th that Montgomery really took over. Getting inside of the Mexican's long punches, the Negro gave Rojo a bad body beating. Genero was weary in the 7th and got a pasting about the head, his face was badly puffed and bleeding at the bell. Montgomery dropped the Mexican into the lower rope in the 8th and when Rojo regained his feet in a dazed condition, Bob pummeled him unmercifully. Referee Reg Gilmore halted the affair just as Rojo's handler jumped into the ring to stop it. Each weighed 139.

Quite a commotion was caused by a rank decision in the semi-final between Jackie Callura, 129, former N.B.A. featherweight champion, and Paul Reguejo, 131, San Jose. Referee Herb Greene and one judge gave Callura a draw, the other judge voted for Reguejo, who won four of the six rounds. The crowd booed for fifteen minutes.

In the prelims: Art Santelli, 172, and Harry Wills, 175, fought four rounds to a draw; Gilbert Whiteside, 158, won over Rand Jackson, 150; Hank Morris, 211, chilled Bill Parks, 188, in the first heat; Pee Wee Swingler, 124, decisioned Rosendo Trejho, 127.

Donnie Maes returned to ring wars after a year's layoff, to fight a ten-round draw with Alejandro Vega of Mexico at the Ocean Park Arena. Maes ran out of gas in the late rounds but had piled up enough points in the early cantos to rate the draw. Maes weighed 136, Vega 138.

In other bouts: Al Williams, 160, K.O.'d Greg Gonzales in the second; Babe Gammage, 179, stopped Nate Gibson, 170, in the third; Joey Savidan, 138, nodded Bourbon Murphy, 144, in a four; Ponce Jurado, 118, decisioned Benny Cousins, 114, in four; Eddie Sangster, 130, copped the four-rounder over Jackie Lee, 132.

What an extravaganza (it's the Hollywood in me) the Chicago *Tribune's* Tournament of Champions really is! What a thrill it is for a kid from some far away city to compete in this great show! The Chicago Stadium, seating 21,800 (larger than Madison Square Garden) is a beautiful arena. The ring is lighted up to a snow white, and beautiful music is played on one of the world's finest pipe organs. In the audiences are hundreds of Chicago's "big names" and sports celebrities from all over the country.

And there sure is a flock of well known boxing men accompanying these Golden Glove teams to the Windy City. Among the many whom this writer had the pleasure of meeting again this year were George Barton, noted referee and sports writer of Minneapolis; Johnny Papke, Cleveland's well-known coach of amateur boxers; Sully Montgomery, former heavyweight, who always accompanies the Fort Worth team; Charlie Johnson, sports editor of Minneapolis; Jas. Richardson of Nashville; Larry Downs of Cleveland; Fred Sady of Milwaukee; Marion Miller of Kansas City; Paul Spice of St. Louis and Earl Kane of Minneapolis.

Paulie Peters, hard-hitting slugger of San Francisco, outboxed (what am I saying?) that's right, outboxed the boxer, clever Leon Zorrita, in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. This Peters is very unpredictable, a great club-fighter. In most bouts he swings wildly and appears void of a defence, but at times he blocks well and boxes smartly. In this instance he outjabbed a foe who is an artist at it.

Peters didn't actually outclass or outpoint the flashy Zorrita, but, Paulie did win in a boxing contest because his straight punches did the most damage. At the halfway point, Zorrita was ahead in the scoring, but he had receipted for many stiff lefts to the face and his features were becoming swollen. In the 6th, the Negro veteran's legs began to play out and from there on in Leon ran second.

Peters belted Zorrita lustily in the 8th and 9th, hurting the Negro on numerous occasions. Paulie also garnered the final round to cinch the win. Zorrita was a sorry spectacle at the finish, with both eyes almost closed, and bleeding from nose and mouth. Peters weighed 161, Zorrita 159.

In the 6-round semi, Titus Hawkins, 167, San Diego Negro, surprised by besting Sgt. Gaston Miller, 172, in a spirited setto.

In the four-rounders: Dub Bowen, 137, defeated Wilford Scott, 140; Jimmy Edwards, 155, beat Billy Smith, 154; Al Williams, 162, decisioned Ralph Lee, 157; Bobby Taylor, 145, nodded Art O'Dowd, 140.

If Nolan Sharp, Los Angeles Negro, is content merely to compile an impressive list of opponents, he is on the right road, but if he desires to "go some place" (he confided to me that he did) he had better take a look at the signpost on the road he is traveling. Out of the amateur ranks but four months and with but six prelims under his belt, Sharp was put in ten-rounders and against such fighters as Paul Hartnek, Rusty Payne, John Donnelly, etc. Of course, he was beaten by them. He lost six in a row.

This is a short story of Nolan Sharp's seventh loss. This time he was put in with Buddy Millard of Indianapolis. The mismatch took place at the San Diego Coliseum. There was little action in the opening round, Millard merely sizing up the opposition, if any, but he came out fighting in the second and backed Sharp into the ropes with a two-fisted attack. Nolan tried to slug it out with his tormentor, but was badly outclassed. A minute later Sharp went down from a flurry of solid blows to the head, where he took the full count on his knees. Millard weighed 178, Sharp 190.

Other results: Ramiro Lopez, 126, received an unpopular decision over Al Moreno, 122 (6); Junior Washington, 156, defeated Russ Long, 150 (6); Jimmy Fox decked Lucio Beltran five times to win by T.K.O. (5); Little Giant, 129, bested Sal Sanchez (4).

The Cat had to play the part of the mouse when he met up with Freddie Dixon at the Los Angeles Olympic. Ernie (Cat) Robinson of New York is game, tough and willing, but he had no business in there against Freddie Dixon. From the opening bell until the pathetic affair was stopped in the 5th, the Negro veteran handled the Cat just as he pleased. Dixon pasted Robinson with lefts and rights to the head at long range, and gave the New Yorker a bad body beating when in close quarters.

A whistling right to the jaw dropped Robinson to his knees early in the 5th heat. Ernie regained his feet immediately, but he was wobbly and unable to defend himself. Dixon was pounding all nine lives out of the Cat when Referee Frankie Van came to his rescue. Dixon weighed 148, Robinson 147.

Well, Nolan Sharp has returned to the fold! He is through mixing with the elite until he has taken on more education—I hope. Sharp, 187, rocked Johnny Briscoe, 198, to sleep in the second round of the semi-final. They were well matched. Both are strong, hard-hitting fellows, but green and easy to hit. Sharp was in a bad way in the opening round, but came back to dump Briscoe twice in the second canto. Johnny made it to his feet at the count of 9 the first time, but was out for a full minute on his second down.

In the four-rounders: Val Valentine, 118, chilled Ponce Jurado, 118, in the first heat; Johnny Hunt, 162, disposed of Bud Singleton, 164, in two; Jimmy Shans, 145, T.K.O.'ed Benny Black, 145, in the second; Henry Briere, 135, decisioned Kid Castle, 135.

Georgie Hansford, veteran lightweight of Los Angeles, has made another come-back. Sarah Bernhardt or Harry Lauder had nothing on Georgie. Hansford won handily over Manuel Villagran in a 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Stabbing the Mexico gamester with left jabs and shaking him up with right-crosses, Hansford was credited with 9 of the rounds. Georgie made a very favorable impression in this first outing of his 'steenth return to the ring, but as Villagran has slipped plenty in the past year, it is too early to proclaim Hansford's comeback a successful—or, even a wise venture. However, one cannot blame Georgie for trying it, what with the mediocre fighters that are appearing in most of our main-events these days. Hansford weighed 133, Villagran 135.

In other bouts: Hank Morris, 212, K.O.'ed Carlton Perry, 202, in the third; Elmer Lewis, 145, stopped Will Jones, 141, in three; Russ Metcalf, 181, decisioned Al Timmons, 176, in four; Paul Williams, 133, nodded Freddie Tucker, 133; Jay Jan, 115, disposed of Victor Llanes, 110, in the first round.

Vincent Villavicencio, 159, Tecate, Mex., and Titus Hawkins, 167, San Diego Negro, slugged ten rounds to a draw at the San Diego Coliseum. It was a rough and tumble affair with both on the floor. Hawkins spilled Villa (you know who) with a right upper-cut in the 7th. Vincent dropped Hawkins to his knees with left hook to jaw in 10th, but Titus came off the canvas full of fight and they were both winging 'em at the final bell.

Gregorio Escolona, 120, Tecate, decisioned Poncho Arizmendi of Mexico City in another 10-rounder. Escolona, reluctant to force milling in early rounds, came on with a rush near end of bout to eke out a close margin. Arizmendi had been the aggressor most of the route, but he tired badly in the stretch and receipted for a pasting in the final round.

In the prelims: Gene Jensen won by T.K.O. over Jimmy Fox in the third; Frank Calzo rendered Rudy Turner hors du combat in the first heat; Bill Curtis decisioned George Sanchez in four.

With Manuel Ortiz out of circulation, Matchmaker Charlie MacDonald believes that what this country needs is a good bantamweight to be regarded as "duration champion," so, the Hollywood Stadium maestro has announced an elimination tournament to crown some bantam with this make-believe title. With Benny Goldberg in the vicinity, McDonald's announcement makes cold chills run up and down my spine, for the Detroit bicyclist is just the type to win this synthetic title.

Luis Castillo of Mexico and Lorenzo Safora of Cuba were the first little guys to battle for this doubtful honor, with Castillo emerging the winner after ten rounds of fast action. These little mites made quite a colorful picture in a seemingly big ring. Castillo is a small giant, as broad as he is tall and he hits fast with great force. Safora is fast, elusive and a good puncher. Both wear those cute little moustaches. (Montreal and Toronto promoters should wire Gus Wilson of L.A. and Harry Fine of Oakland. You're welcome.)

For six rounds it was closely contested. Safora ran up his points with an educated left and an occasional sharp-shooting right. Castillo forced the

milling and connected with sizzling left hooks to make the Cuban to his toes and keep the score even. Safora tired badly in the 7th and the little Mexican Hercules forged ahead. Castillo also topped the 8th heat, but Safora nailed Luis with a right on the whiskers in the 9th that caused Castillo's knees to buckle. Winning this round by a good margin gave the Cuban's supporters renewed hope, but Castillo came out in the 10th full of fire and he rushed Safora all over the ring. Each weighed 117.

In the semi, Reecy Davis, 156, Texas Negro, outclassed Joey Albino, 160, of Portland, Ore. Davis won all six rounds with a blistering body attack.

In the four-rounders: Alonzo Williams, 152, and Hugh Stell, 150, drew; Bud Singleton, 166, decisioned Billy Smith, 158, Ted Jamison, 155, bested Johnny Meadows, 149; Bobby Taylor, 144, defeated Johnny Verdusco, 137.

For want of big-time attractions or local naturals, Matchmaker Babe McCoy has been using lesser lights in double 10-rounders at the Los Angeles Olympic in recent weeks. In one of these "talent" shows, Humberto Sierra, a Cuban of billiard-cue proportions, made a real hit with local fans, in this, his Los Angeles debut. The Cuban moves fast, punches well and is willing to mix it. In Ralph Lara, the lanky Sierra met a difficult opponent for a tall boxer to fight (one who weaves and bobs a lot). The Cuban's reach and height was a problem for Lara, so the early rounds of the bout produced little excitement.

The action speeded up in the 6th with Sierra finding the target with lefts to the head and Lara getting in some solid blows to the body. Manuel was only a hair ahead until he caught Lara on the chin with a right uppercut as the latter was rushing in during the 8th round. The Mexican regained his feet at the count of 6 in a weakened and groggy condition, but he lasted out the round without again hitting the deck, although he received for a lacing until the bell. The Cuban topped the 9th and 10th rounds handily. Each weighed 130.

In the companion 10-rounder, Chuey Figueroa, at one time one of our most promising youngsters, returned to action after a year's layoff to eke out a close decision over Manuel Villagran of Mexico. It was an action scrap all the way, even though Chuey did put on a running fight.

Figueroa was spilled for a 1-count early in the battle and was behind at the halfway point, but Chuey dropped Villagran to one knee in the 6th, and improved on his timing in the late rounds to score with numerous rights to the head, to pull up with a very narrow margin. However, neither of them performed like the Figueroa and Villagran who boxed in this same ring two years ago. Figueroa weighed 130, Villagran 135.

In the prelims: Johnny Briscoe, 194, whipped Steve Ludman, 190 (6); Harry Wills, 173, decisioned Art Santelli, 168 (4); Julio Franco, 138, defeated Elmer Lewis, 142 (4).

Petey Wheatstraw, Los Angeles Negro who has been dishing out sleeping pills to local welterweights, rocked Chino Rodriguez into the Land of Nod in the opening round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Petey put the Mexican down three times, the third time was out. It was Wheatstraw's seventh consecutive K.O. victory. Each weighed 147.

In other bouts, all 4-rounders: Bob Farris, 150, continued his winning streak by whipping Gilbert Whiteside, 155. Farris had his foe down for 9 in first; Rosendo Trejho, 128, blacked out Chuck Edwards, 128, in the second heat; Elmer Lewis, 147, beat Benny Black, 145; Joey Savidan, 136, and Eddie Sangster, 132, drew; Benny Cousins, 116, decisioned Jay Jans, 118.

Buddy Millard of Oakland (via Indianapolis and Houston, Tex.) performed like a clever lightweight to win every round and score a T.K.O. over Al Jordan of Chicago (via Kansas City and Milwaukee), in the 8th round at the Hollywood Stadium. Being elusive, fast and punching hard, Millard looked good enough to be fighting any of 'em. However, Jordan a pretty fair fisticuffer himself, when the spirit moves him, probably made the poorest showing of his career. He moved slowly, had no zip in his punches, missed badly at long range, and failed to fight back when in close. Briefly, Al was about as alert and sprightly as a husband who is roused out of bed at 3 a.m. to "see what that noise is."

Millard hurt Jordan early in the 6th with a left hook to the jaw and shortly after put him down for a 9-count. When Jordan regained his feet Buddy bombarded him with both fists. Jordan offered little resistance during the 7th round, and when his left eye was swollen closed in the 8th, Referee Reg Gilmore stopped the bout and raised Millard's glove. The weights were Millard 178, Jordan 188.

Joe Albino, 160, Portland, Ore., put Edgar Robinson, 160, Phoenix, Ariz., in the resin for a 3-count in the opening round to cop the decision in the 6-round semi.

Other results: Fidel Aguilar, 132, bested Rosendo Trejho, 128, in four; Allen Arnett, 178, nodded Tommy O'Brien, 192, in four; Wilford Scott, 139, decisioned Bourbon Murphy, 144; Hugh Stell, 148, beat Bill Trillo, 155, in four.

Torito Ramos, 135, Tia Juana, punched his way to a 10-round decision over Memo Llanes, 136, Hermosillo, Mex., at the San Diego Coliseum. The fight was fast all the way, with first one, then the other on the verge of going down. Ramos put Llanes on the floor for a no-count in the 3rd, and decked him for 9 seconds in the 7th. Then Llanes came on fast to cop the last two rounds to make it close.

In another 10-rounder, Frank Calzo, San Diego middleweight, defeated Billy Mitchell of Los Angeles in an uninteresting go. Calzo tried to make a fight of it, but Mitchell would not lead and took it on the lam when Calzo did get within punching distance.

In three prelims: Kid Lester decisioned Al Williams (6); Al Moreno and Little Giant fought a draw (4); Sal Sanchez outpointed Al Armstrong (4).

Dear Reader, to keep you from going batty from reading so many consecutive fight results, I wish to insert a few paragraphs at this point, giving out a lil' news on some of the boxing personalities I contacted while in Chicago last month. Please stand by.

CHICAGO NOTES: Edwin B. Parkes, Sec. of Central A.A.U. Boxing Commission, probably knows more amateur boxers (and more about them) than any other man in the entire country. And he is a regular fellow (Wish we had one like him out here in California).

Beau Jack, one of the lightweight contenders, now in service and stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, was one of the Coaches with the Kansas City Golden Gloves team.

I saw some good ring officiating in the Windy City. Most noteworthy was the work of Phil Collins, Tommy Thomas and Dave Miller. Collins is one of the best ring arbiters I have yet seen. (Oh yes, I've seen some of the good ones, Art Donovan, Harry Ertle, George Barton, Lieut. Jack Kennedy, etc.) And Collins is well thought of by both the public and the boxing fraternity, as he is very active for the betterment of boxing.

Paul Hartnek, veteran heavyweight of Omaha, now a Coach at the famous Boys Town, was in charge of the Omaha Golden Gloves team.

Martin Luck has replaced my boyhood pal, Putsy Moore, as President of the Veteran Boxers Association of Illinois. The organization couldn't have elected a better man. Marty is liked by everyone who knows him.

Met many of the old timers during the hours that I spent at the Vets' headquarters, among them Battling Nelson, George Gardner, Joe Burman, Johnny Coulon, Sam Buxbaum, Harry Dublinsky, Danny Goodman, Izzy Kline, Harry Mueller, Putsy Moore, Frank Mastro, Danny Spunt and Bert Eberling.

Ray (Sugar) Robinson demanded to be paid in cash after his fight with Costner in Chicago, so, the promoter paid him off in $1.00 bills—25,000 of them.

Some of the finest fellows that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing are associated with the Chicago C.Y.O. If only the world was made up with more men like Lou Razienda, Dick Fitzpatrick (what a fighter he was) and Denny O'Keefe, the men in charge of the C.Y.O. gymnasium and clubrooms. They reflect some of the great character of Most Rev. Bernard Sheil, the founder and head of the Catholic Youth Organization.

What a list of "greats" the Veteran Boxers Assn. have among their membership. Read these names: Jack Dempsey, Battling Nelson, Johnny Coulon, Jimmy Gardner, Mickey Walker, Harry Forbes, Jimmy Barry, Buddy Ryan, George Gardner and Barney Ross. . . . (Now, while you get out pencil and paper and spend the rest of the day trying to list a single boxer (now active) who could whip any one of the above named [at the weight], I will get back to my California report.)

Eli Golindo, Los Angeles featherweight, has been doing okeh at the smaller clubs and probably rated a crack at some better money (the price of enchiladas being what it is), but putting him in with Enrique Bolanos wasn't doing Eli an especial favor. Golindo faced the former Mexico City bellhop at the Los Angeles Olympic and was stopped in four rounds.

Outside of landing a couple of left hooks in the initial round, Eli did little else but prove to be game. Golindo could not score cleanly on his shifty opponent, nor protect himself from Bolanos' fast delivery. Enrique dropped Golindo for an 8-count with a left hook to the stomach in the 4th, and was administering a terrific beating to his outclassed foe when Referee Charlie Randolph intervened. Bolanos weighed 127, Golindo 124.

In the semi, Hindu Fleet, 195, almost knocked Tiger Sheppard, 181, out of the building with a pile-driving right, and was using the sawed-off Texan for a punching-bag when Referee Frankie Van halted it in the opening round.

In remaining bouts: Julio Franco, 136, and Dub Bowen, 137, boxed to a draw in six; Johnny Hunt, 164, T.K.O.'ed Billy Smith, 157, in the third; Henry Brier, 135, beat Kid Castle, 136, in four; Nate Gibson, 167, decisioned Al Timmons, 177, in four.

Vincent Villavicencio, 158, Tecate, and Titus Hawkins, 167, San Diego Negro, met in a return bout at the San Diego Coliseum, with the Mexican getting the duke. Hawkins answered the opening gong with a rush that had Villa (and all the rest of his name) on the run. It was this aggressiveness that got Titus the draw with the four-syllabled boxer in their previous meeting. But Hawkins didn't follow this pattern in the next five rounds and dropped all these heats to Villa (what's-his-name), who took the play away from the Negro. Hawkins became aggressive again in the 7th to chalk up two rounds to his side of the sheet, but could do no better than hold Vicente even in the 8th and 9th, and Villa copped the final round, along with the decision.

Gregorio Escolona, 120, Tecate, stopped Buddy Taylor, 118, in the 8th of another 10-rounder. It was a toe-to-toe scrap all the way and fairly even for six rounds. Escolona belted the Negro boy all over the ring in the 7th and had knocked Buddy through the ropes in the 8th. Taylor could not make it back in the ring before the count.

Tommy Lopez defeated Jimmy Fox in a six-round slugfest; Kid Lester stopped Al Fernandez in the second heat; Billy Curtis decisioned Fern Sanchez in four.

Rene DeLeon has been the best club-fighter in Los Angeles prelim ranks for over a year. He probably still is. The youngster is a perpetual glove-thrower, a hard hitter and as game as a pit bull, but the kid cannot box a lick and is rendered groggy too easily for a fighter of his type. He needs more preparation, rather than competition against main-eventers. Rene probably realizes this after his disastrous clash with Artie Dorrell of Tyler, Tex., at the Hollywood Stadium.

Dorrell stopped the Mexican gamester in the 6th round, but only after having been in just what every other bout with DeLeon turns out to be—a brawl. The leather started flying with the opening bell and Dorrell did everything to Rene except knock him out in this very first round. DeLeon went down for a 9-count under a two-fisted barrage and was reeling around dizzily at the bell.

The Mexican came out swinging in the second and almost fought on even terms in toe-to-toe exchanges. He tore out again in the third and for two minutes forced Dorrell to give ground, but the Texan put on a spurt of his own near the end of the round to lash DeLeon to the floor. Rene appeared to be through for the evening, but the gong came to his rescue at count of 3.

The bell rang for the 4th and out comes—guess who, yes sir, Rene DeLeon full of fight. He loses the round, but, look, Mr. Ripley, the Mexican mauler won the 5th heat by bulling Dorrell around the ring with wild rights to the head. But, there comes an end to all things and the next round saw the finish of this brawl. They were in an exchange when Dorrell seemed to "bury in" and put everything he had in a flock of hard blows to Rene's head. The youngster was wobbly and glassy-eyed when Referee Frankie Van decided that Rene had absorbed enough punishment for one evening. Dorrell weighed 146, DeLeon 145.

In the 6-round semi, Ralph Lara, 134, Pasadena, pounded out a win over Billy Hale, 136, Phoenix, Ariz., Negro. It was an action-filled setto.

In the four-rounders: Trini Ortiz, 122, and Benny Cousins, 116, went to a draw; Moby Beceril, 154, beat Russ Long, 150; Ralph Lee, 161, decisioned Bob Hawkins, 158; Ted Jamison, 155, nodded Bobby Rounds, 154.

Alejandro Vega of Jalisco, Mex., and Harold Valan of Brooklyn, fought ten torrid rounds to a draw at the Ocean Park Arena. Each weighed 142.

Other results: Elmer Lewis, 143, belted out Johnny Lopez, 145, in the fourth heat; Will Jones, 142, and Bourbon Murphy, 145, fought a draw in four; Joey Savidan, 138, defeated Johnny Verdusco, 139, in four; Al Timmons, 179, disposed of Crispin Trevino, 185, in the first. A bout between Eddie Sangster, 130, and Chuck Edwards, 129, was stopped by Referee Herb Greene in the third and declared no-contest.

Joe Keyes, 146, Texas Negro, K.O.'ed Augie Jiminez of Mexico, in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Keyes opened a cut over the Mexican's right eye in first round, and cut his cheek in the second, to have Jiminez bloody and beaten-looking before the finisher—a left hook to the jaw—was landed.

Torito Ramos, 137, Tia Juana, stopped Johnny Verdusco, 135, Los Angeles, in the 6th of another scheduled 10-rounder. This victory makes Ramos eligible for membership in that large organization of V.C.'s (Verdusco's conquerors). Ramos floored Verdusco for 9 in the first round and then pasted him unmercifully for five rounds more before the referee halted the lop-sided affair. (Four-round bouts are most always long enough to convince everyone present that Johnny shouldn't be in there any longer.)

And look who comes out in a six-rounder! That classy Los Angeles lightweight, Eddie Marcus. (Sort of a topsy-turvy card, isn't it?) Marcus, now in the Navy, was substituting. Eddie met Kid Lester, San Diego Negro, and he must have been outweighed plenty, but, that didn't matter much. Marcus jabbed Lester silly for the full six rounds, and almost spilled the Negro rowdy with rights to the jaw in the first and fifth heats.

In two fours, Rudy Turner whipped Manuel Silva, and Billy Curtis decisioned Joe Corona.

LEST I FORGET: Jimmy Doyle chalked up a couple of impressive wins last month when he decisioned Ralph Zannelli at Boston, and Chuck Hunter at Cleveland. . . . Al Lang has taken over promotion of the Phoenix, Ariz., club. Al had Barney Ross as referee of his opening show. . . . Our Gov. Warren is a real boxing fan. Whenever possible, he attends the fights. Dropping in the Ocean Park Arena one night, unannounced, the Governor found the house sold out and willingly sat in the gallery. . . . Juan Zurita is in Mexico City, where he is to defend his

lightweight title against Ike Williams. . . . The foul fighters do not get away with their stuff in other states as they do here in California. Cecil Hudson was tossed out of the ring at Portland, Ore., because of foul tactics, and his opponent, Johnny Suarez, was awarded the duke in the 8th round. . . . Barney Ross, former world's champion and war hero, now a resident of Los Angeles, is writing his memoirs, which he has entitled "I'm A Lucky Guy."

Robt. H. Svensson, Director of Public Relations of Los Angeles *Times*, certainly rates applause for the fine trip that he arranges for the Golden Gloves team that the *Times* sends back to Chicago. The team travels in staterooms on streamliners, stops at Chicago's best hotels, and each boy is allowed enough expense money for the best food and amusement.

Jackie Callura, former N.B.A. featherweight champ, who boxed in the semi of the Montgomery-Rojo bout, is stationed at Luke Field, Ariz., as is Bob Montgomery. . . . Lige Drew, local Negro welter, seems to have hit his stride in the East. Last month Lige won over Joe Bennett in ten at Holyoke, Mass., and Henry Jordan in ten at Hartford, Conn. . . . This writer saw a good-looking featherweight in my old home town (Minneapolis), in one Jackie Graves of Austin, Minn. Graves, who is the rave of the Twin Cities, is a fast boxer and sharp puncher. . . . Fitzie Fitzgerald, who learned to ride a horse in the hills of West Virginia (gosh, I hope they have horses there), led the parade in a Wild West Rodeo at Los Angeles.

Abe Roth has given up amateur boxing promotion at the Hollywood Stadium, due to the shortage of talent. The Santa Barbara club has folded up for the same reason. This leaves but three amateur clubs in all of Southern California, Harry Winkler's Southwest Arena in Los Angeles, the Jim Jeffries Barn at Burbank, and the Bakersfield arena. At one time there were as many as twelve amateur clubs in this same area.

Jimmy McDaniels stopped Sammy Mammone in the first round at Providence, R. I. . . . Henry Armstrong was on the same train with Los Angeles Golden Gloves team en route to Chicago. Armstrong was on way to New York to join troupe that was to entertain our soldiers at some of the European war fronts. Henry spent much of his time thrilling the amateur boxers with stories of his ring experiences, which he has recently put in book form.

Elmer Ray K.O.'ed Jimmy O'Brien in the fifth round at New York City. . . . California Jackie Wilson is to be Cleveland Jackie Wilson from now on, according to Chris Dundee, who books the fighter for Walter Melrose. . . . Charley Early of Oakland outmauled Bobby Berger of Chicago in ten at San Diego. . . . Cleo Shans was beaten by Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson in ten at Baltimore. . . . Neva Esparza won over Sammy Mammone in 8 at New York City.

Cliff and Phil Henderson, Los Angeles sportsmen, who now operate the Pan-Pacific Auditorium at Beverly and Fairfax, are to erect a million dollar arena at that location. Work will be started immediately after the war is over in Europe, or, as soon as labor and materials are available. Boxing is to be but one of the major sports to be staged in this arena, which will seat 15,000.

Because of the length of this report, due to the Golden Gloves comment and Chicago notes, I haven't the space to answer the queries mailed in to me this past month. Those that I do not answer by mail, I will answer in this column next month. Thank you.

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KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By JUANITA YEARGAIN

BOB JARVIS, the bantamweight member of the Kansas City Star's Golden Gloves team, won the National Golden Gloves 118-pound title before 20,000 fans in Chicago, outpointing Hector Marquez of Fort Worth, Tex. Other Chicago tournament results of bouts in which Kansas City boys competed:

Semi-finals—112-pound class—Frank Rivera won decision from Ted Fittipeldo, Cleveland. 118-pound class—Bob Jarvis outpointed Russell Dungy, Gary, Ind. 126-pound class—Virgil Franklin, Oklahoma City, defeated Jackie Darthard by a technical kayo in round 1. 160-pound class—Dick Smith, Oklahoma City, outpointed Ray Spurlock. Heavyweight class—Pvt. John Harding outpointed William Zuke, Omaha.

Finals—112-pound class—Jackie Boyd, Chicago, outpointed Frank Rivera, winning close decision. 118-pound class—Bob Jarvis outpointed Hector Marquez, Fort Worth. Heavyweight class—Luke Baylark outpointed Pvt. John Harding.

Your correspondent's boxing program brought out Topeka's largest crowd of the season to witness a slam-bang card of 19 bouts composed of talent from N. W. Oklahoma, Kansas City, Topeka's newly formed Metropolitan Athletic Club and 2nd Army Air Force mittmen. The summaries— Al Smith, 80, Boy's Industrial School (BIS), decisioned Harry Gould, 81, BIS. James Guthrie, 100, BIS, decisioned Jack Slater, 101, BIS. Chicho Rameres, 85, BIS, T.K.O.'ed Billy Harold, 86, BIS. Lawrence Robertson, 140, BIS, decisioned "Tex" Holt, 140, BIS. Chief Shukahoose, 140, BIS, decisioned Alfred Carroll, 140, BIS. Jack Johnson, 135, BIS, T.K.O.'d George Norton, 135, BIS. Jack LaDuke, 160, BIS, decisioned James Nelson, 168, BIS. Vincent Quijas, 135, BIS, decisioned Duane Ferguson, 130, BIS. Sgt. Junie McNair, 174, TAAF, decisioned Alfred Kates, 169, K. C.

Floyd Perry, 112, K. C., decisioned Leo Rosales, 115, Independence. Joel Babbs, 140, BIS, lost to Jimmy Sebastine, 135, BIS. Pvt. Douglas Copeland, 137, Pratt AAF, T.K.O.'d Johnny Skinner, 135, Independence, 53-seconds, round one. Jackie Wilson, 135, Topeka, T.K.O.'d Pvt. Carl Mutillo, 135, Pratt AAF, one minute, 52 seconds, round two. Pvt. Samuel Smalley, 165, TAAF, T.K.O.'d Marlon Petty, 161, K. C., 47 seconds of round one. Pvt. Herman Moore, 160, Pratt AAF, T.K.O.'d Roy Hopkins, 158, Independence, end of round one. Pvt. Manuel Carvalho, 160, Pratt AAF, decisioned George Suttington, 160, K. C. Warren Coleman, 160, Topeka, decisioned Pvt. Charles Holland, 165, Pratt AAF. Pvt. Thomas Lewis, 140, Pratt AAF, T.K.O.'d Jack Eggen, 145, Independence, 59 seconds of round 3. Corp. Joe Brown, 183, Pratt AAF, T.K.O.'d Eugene Smith, 176, Independence, 32 seconds of round one.

STEVE BRODY IS KILLED—Marine Lieut. Steven H. Opalenik, of Kansas City, better known as "Steve Brody," generally recognized as junior heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, was killed by Jap mortar shell fire while serving as a front line observer for a marine mortar unit at Iwo Jima. Opalenik, commissioned in the field for his work on Saipan, made his last mat appearance against Tom Zaharias, March, 1942 in Kansas City.

HERE AND THERE—From "Somewhere in France," Sammy Feeback, popular wrestling ace, a long time favorite here, sends his greetings. Recently promoted to First Sergeant he reports they are working night and day under the greatest responsibilities. Their living quarters are "cozy dugouts."

T/Sgt. Kenneth H. Williams, popular Topeka wrestler who recently completed two years with the Marines in the South Pacific, is now stationed at El Centro in California. He is a capable instructor. Pfc. Mateo Dominguez (Babe), remembered well for his outstanding slugging matches in the Midwest, is seeing plenty of important action along the Rhine. Sgt. Charles Lutkie, formerly of Fort Riley, who was regarded by former world's wrestling champion Charles (Midget) Fischer as a future titleholder, is located with the 3rd Plat. Cavalry in Europe. Pvt. Tommy Barron, formerly stationed at Winter General Hospital in Topeka, is now at Indiantown Gap, Penn. Barron was a topnotch 160-pound amateur and fought in several bouts in Topeka last season.

Buss Hacker, South Pacific Marine champion, is making a big hit with Midwest professional wrestling fans. His home is at Fort Leavenworth. Pfc. Nelson Collins, young Topeka wrestler, a veteran paratrooper in the European theater, was in the D-Day jump into France and Holland, and was at Bastogne, Belgium. He writes: "It's been a long road and tough fighting, but there's nothing like my outfit, one of the best." Jack LaRue, popular in wrestling circles in this area, is now in New Guinea with the Marines. Red Hass, former Kansas City amateur fighter, a private in the Marine Corps somewhere in the Pacific, has found time to don the padded mitts and continues to swing a mean fist. "Our battalion had some fights recently with the Navy Seabees and won seven out of eight bouts," Hass reports.

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HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

PHIL TERRANOVA, former N.B.A. featherweight champ, took the spotlight in this section the past month, as he turned in a conclusive win over the local lightweight prodigy, LeRoy Willis at the Olympia. It was the first loss for Willis, but he fought a clever battle against a ringster who knew too much for him. Terranova's infighting told the tale, as Willis was lost every time the New York boy got in close.

Leon Spencer, former Cleveland amateur champion boxing out of Detroit, registered a brace of triumphs over well rated battlers the past month. He featured two of Scotty Strachan's shows at Arcadia and played to packed houses both times. In fact, Strachan is "selling out" practically every Monday. Spencer encountered the tough and smart Joey Peralta and pecked out a clean cut decision, but wasn't overly impressive doing so, as he let Peralta do all the leading. Peralta forced the fighting and Spencer was content to peck away with his superior left hand.

The next time out was a different story, when Spencer faced Ruby Garcia who had previously beaten him. The courageous Puerto Rican forced Spencer to battle all the way. Again Spencer's margin was clean cut, but this time the fans were treated to a sensational scrap. Garcia has lost three out of four bouts here, but he can come back anytime.

Shaping into a nice piece of fighting machinery is Gene Boland, youthful protege of Art Tracey. Boland whipped the rough going Mack Ivory at Arcadia, and on a later show, flattened Ivory with a perfectly timed left hook which put the tough Negro boy away for keeps. Joe Andary, another Tracey pupil was inactive the past month, but Tommy Nelson, Art's 124-pounder, continued his winning ways. Nelson has built up quite a knockout record, but last month he had to go the distance twice—and his last time out, had to come from behind to beat Jim Gilstrap.

Pete Bolos, rough going featherweight contender, returned to Minneapolis to box George DiGideo, local sensation, but tired in the closing rounds and dropped the decision. Bolos is being sought for a St. Louis headliner. Stan Cieslik turned in his usual hard punching battle, but saw his opponent's (Leo Garrett) hand lifted at the finish of a Cleveland bout. Patsy Zoccano, Toronto boy now boxing out of Detroit, won his fights in Muskegon and Akron, but lost out in his Cleveland bout with hard-hitting Joey Pirrone. Eddie Scott, opponent of many of the leading battlers in this section the past few years, is acting as trainer for Merle Richards' large stable of fighters and is doing a fine job. One of their better boys is Candy Kane, a fine lightweight prospect who is winning all his fights. Rudy Zavadil keeps his hard going middleweight, Martin Doyle busy. Chilindrini Valencia, bantamweight from Mexico, and protege of Al DeNapoli and Willie Dominguez, showed himself to be a rough customer in outpointing Jean Barriere, Montreal, in an Arcadia headliner. Art Price looks like one of the best lightweights around. He has been a consistent winner, and looks like a future great.

Bobby McIntire has been training the past few months and will probably be seen in action before this comes off the press. Promoters in Minneapolis, Buffalo, and New Orleans are after McIntire who has boxed all the leaders. Buster Peaks and Verne Escoe were inactive the past month. Both these boys are being handled by Max Leflander. George Bacca, Minneapolis welterweight, has been winning regularly since coming under the guidance of Merle Richards. Pat Bradley, nee Nathan Bridges, a classy featherweight now is doing well under Richards' handling. Sampson Powell, local middleweight sensation, outstabbed Eddie Taylor before a packed house at Arcadia. Powell injured his right hand. Joe Sutka, Wyandotte middleweight star, is back in action after a long layoff. Sutka rates as a real journeyman fighter. Bill O'Flannigan, Windsor's leading trainer and fight second, is a familiar figure at local fights. Bill formerly trained Harvey Dubs and Sammy Secreet.

WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By THEODORE YAMACHIKA

COMMANDER JACK DEMPSEY of the U.S. Coast Guard gave the six thousand rabid wrestling fans who flocked to the local civic auditorium, a treat they'll not forget for a long time. The former world heavyweight boxing champion, at the request of his long time friend Al Karasick and the thousands of howling fans, consented to act as referee in the main event between one Chester Hayes and another Sammy Cohen. And before the evening was over Jack resorted to his haymaker right, still in wonderful condition, to quiet one of the contestants, in this particular case the victim being bad man Sammy Cohen, very much to the delight of the spectators.

The contest started in a mild manner and there wasn't the slightest indication that it would end so abruptly. Both Chester Hayes and Sammy Cohen knew what would happen if they stepped out of line, especially after the preliminary instructions from Jack Dempsey. Cohen grabbed the first fall with a crossover toehold and leglock. But about five minutes later Chester evened matters with a body press. Still nothing unusual happened. Then Cohen became impatient. Under Dempsey's ruling he knew he was at a disadvantage because he could not resort to his favorite rough tactics. He started to get rough. When Dempsey broke off his holds, Cohen forgot himself for a moment and pushed the former champion. Still nothing happened.

Cohen got bolder. The next time Dempsey interfered, Cohen charged the referee. Just at this moment, Dempsey's right exploded. Cohen fell backwards landing on the canvas on his head, out cold. Chester Hayes saw his opportunity, piled on Cohen and the latter was counted out.

Also introduced in the ring this same evening was Captain James J. Braddock of the U. S. Army, another former world heavyweight boxing titleholder.

A veteran grappler who is creating quite a stir in Honolulu mat circles is Ray Higgins, who hails from Helena, Montana. Now in the merchant marine, he carries the monicker of "Seawolf." Recently he was presented with a beautiful robe from a delegation of his fellow merchant seamen of the United Seaman's Service for his wonderful showing in his latest local bouts.

A recent rating of Honolulu wrestlers shows Charley Carr still holding the number one position and also the Hawaiian title. Ben Pilar, the Filipino flash, holds the chief challenger's position and he is followed by Sammy Cohen, Alex Madsen, Babe Smolenski, Kaimon Kudo and Chester Hayes.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

JIMMY McDANIELS, Los Angeles welterweight, and Tuffy Reed, Trenton, N. J., light-heavy, gave a demonstration of punching power when they scored first-round knockouts in their bouts here. Larry McManus is staging wrestling shows at the Odeon in Arctic, R. I., on Thursdays. Mike Lucas is back in fighting trim and is doing very nicely for his manager, Tex Parks. Ernie Guisti, recently discharged from the U. S. Army, will shortly return to the ring.

Promoter Dave Cashman has Jimmy Ruzzo, Ernie Forte, and Ralph Zannelli signed up for dates in the near future. Manny Almeida will stage his Friday shows at the R. I. Auditorium. He has the following top-notchers signed up: Johnny Greco, Fernando Menichelli, Arturo Godoy, Bert Lytell, and Charles Cabey Lewis. Larry Bolvin returned to the ring after a nine-month layoff and dropped a split decision to Pedro Firpo, Camden, N. J., lightweight. Willie Calhoun, New York lightweight, beat Jeff Halloway in eight in his first start for Ray St. Lawrence. Calhoun recently returned from the coast where he scored 16 consecutive victories.

Tony Ferry, young Fall River featherweight, has compiled an impressive record during his short time in the ring. He has won 30 bouts, many by the knockout route, lost two and fought an eight-round draw with the Blond Tiger.

Connie McGann will shortly be known as the first woman manager in Rhode Island. She is a former Marine and has a wide knowledge of the boxing game.

Benny Delgado, R. I. lightweight amateur champ, defeated Al Carter, N. E. champ, in a sizzler. Dick McHale will take his amateurs to Jack Witchies' in Attleboro for the summer.

Commissioner Charlie Reynolds is in the auto tire business opposite the R. I. Auditorium.

Freddie Camuso, Fall River favorite, returned to the ring after an absence of five years. He has won three straight, beating Charlie Smith of Newark at the Casino in his last bout. There Sam Silverman had a record crowd.

Fighters wishing fights here should contact this writer at 307 Wickenden St., Providence 3, R. I.

Here are the results of the month:

At the Elks' Auditorium—Tuffy Reed, 171, Newark, N. J., knocked out Jerry Berthiaume, 181, Montreal, in 25 seconds of the first round. Johnny Marra, 156, Boston, stopped Billy Williams, 165, in two. Billy Wilson, 143, Providence, lost in six to Jack Pennington, 136, U.S.C.G. Tony Soave, 156, Boston, beat Tony Gouveia, 154, Taunton, in six. Art Gomez, 117, New Bedford, beat Dave Butler, 128, Waterbury, in the opening four.

At the Rhode Island Auditorium—Jimmy McDaniels, 147, Los Angeles, knocked out Sammy Mammone, 142, Stamford, Conn., at 2:46 of the opening round. Tom Collins, 153, New Haven, beat Tony Brandino, 147, Hamilton, Ont., in a semi-final, eight. Jack Pennington, 136, U.S.C.G., T.K.O.'ed Pat Doyle, 138, in the third. Charlie Sardo, 164, Revere, beat Al Barbosa, 158, Boston, in six. Frankie Dee, 128, Boston, knocked out Babe Carmen, 127, Providence, in one.

At the Elks' Auditorium—Joe Reddick, 158, Newark, knocked out Jim Hayden, 161, Augusta, Ga., in 2:30 of the ninth round. Alec Rebark, 172, Pawtucket, stopped Eddie Adourian, 168, Providence, in the fifth. Georgie Butler, 120, Waterbury, stopped Sammy Montana, 124, Boston, in the third. Eddie Demers, 124, Brockton, knocked out Georgie Dresser, 124, Boston, in one and Don Parent did the same to Red Ray, Brockton. Both weighed 148.

The Boston Gardens—Ralph Zannelli, 147, Providence, lost a split decision to Jimmy Doyle, 144, Los Angeles, in a ten-round main bout presented by Rip Velanti before a crowd of 5974 and the fight grossed $12,370.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES

By NAT FRANK

ANOTHER managerial combination is becoming famous in this locality. The duo is composed of Tom Montgomery, brother of the lightweight champion, Corporal Bob Montgomery, of the U. S. Army, and Gene Buffalo, the former contender for lightweight laurels. The pair have 19 fistmen between them and at the rate they have been getting gladiators, it seems as though they will soon handle about every prospect of every weight in these parts.

Right now two warriors stand out in the stable. They are Wesley Mouzon, an undefeated lightweight, who has engaged in 19 battles and won every one of them. The other is Lee Jones, a welterweight, who gives promise of going places in the 147-pound field.

There is another fight manager who has the advantage of seeing to it that the boys in his stable get the best in the way of physical condition. He is Herman Diamond, who with Jack Puggy, handles a string of ringmen worthy of tackling the best in their respective weights. Diamond is the proprietor of Diamond's Gym, located at Girard Avenue and Hutchinson Streets. He purchased this training plant from John Madison and there the Diamond-Puggy charges are going through the daily paces.

The stars of this duet are Dave Freeman and Ellis Phillips, lightweights, and Jimmy Collins, a featherweight.

Remember Battling Murray? Sure you do. He was the dynamic punching flyweight of the first world war era who almost blasted the crown from under the feet of Jimmy Wilde. Only over-anxiousness on his part cost him the 112-pound world championship. Murray had fought the great fighters of his day and in his time the glove wielders were truly great gladiators. He bears no marks of his terrific engagements. Considering that the Battler was everything his name implied, a rip-tearing chap, who knew no fear, it is all the more remarkable.

In addition to his regular job, Murray finds greatest delight in being the treasurer for the famous Veteran Boxers Association. He has done and has been doing a remarkable job in that capacity. No wonder he has been reelected to that all important office so many times.

Maybe the name of Rosario Lucca may be unfamiliar to the fight fans but when one mentions the fact Lucca and Kid Locke are one and the same being, ears become alert, eyes become sharp and interest is keen. Locke, veterans will readily agree, was one of the greatest glovemen that ever appeared in Philly rings.

Not a spring chicken, Locke passed his fifty-eighth milestone on March sixth, last, and still looks like an athlete ready to handle his dukes with the best of them.

Locke will be best remembered as having fought the cream of the lightweight, welterweight and middleweight crop at the turn of the century. Some of his foemen included such famous names as Unk Russell, Willie Lewis, Harry Lewis, Jack M'Carron, Buck Crouse, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Tommy Love, Jimmy Devine, Eddie Lenny, Georgie Walker, Griff Jones, Billy Willis, Tim Callahan, Young Loughrey, Willie Ritchie, Young Corbett, Billy Glover, Young Otto, Leo Houck, Kid Broad, Yi Yi Erne and Eddie Carter among others.

'Tis no small wonder that Kid Locke, the great fistman of four decades ago has been holding public offices for more than 20 years as the Justice of the Peace. He is idolized by the people of today in the same manner as he was idolized by the fight fans of the past.

He has well-earned the high respect bestowed upon him.

To Fighters Without Managers: For your own interest, take good advice. If you have no manager looking out for your welfare, get in touch with yours truly, Nat Frank, 209 S. 53rd Street, Philadelphia 39, Pa. Send us your age, weight, record, photos and clippings.

George LaRover, one of the hardest-hitting lightweights this city boasts of, has to do all of his beak busting in sections other than his home town. Manager Rudy Gansky just can't seem to understand it all. LaRover, a recently honorably discharged serviceman, packs dynamite in either fist, boxes capably with the best of them, and stands out as a showman.

Our answer to Manager Gansky as to why LaRover doesn't box in his home town more frequently, is that he has been kept so busy showing his wares around New York State and in the New England States that when promoters hereabouts do want to use him, he is unavailable due to conflicting dates.

Promoters are making no mistake in using this local stalwart. While he isn't fighting in his home town any too frequently, LaRover may rest assured that the fans are closely following his rise as a lightweight.

Promoters Herman Taylor, Jimmy Toppi and Joe Wenke know that the summer season will soon be upon them. Just what Messrs. Toppi and Wenke will do during the outdoor fistic months is unknown. But in the case of Promoter Taylor, he will stage regular shows at the open air Arena Stadium, adjoining the Indoor Arena. In addition, when the fistic impresario lands an outstanding contest of national importance, his activities will be switched to Shibe Park, home of the major league ball clubs. Promoter Taylor plans at least three major swat bills at the plant where the American and National League baseballers engage in the national pastime.

A Name to Remember: Don't tell us we didn't give you advance notice to remember the name of Eddie Cipresso. No, he isn't a fighter. Just a recently made manager of fistmen. A newcomer to the game but a sportsman and a follower of the glove wielders. Cipresso is slowly building a stable of hitsmiths and at the present writing has a capable quartet under his wing.

His socking stable is composed of Sante Bucca and Joe Amico, lightweights; Joe Falco, welterweight; and Ray Morris, featherweight. More gladiators will be added and in time we feel that the name of Eddie Cipresso will become a byword in the art of handling fighters.

Harry Zaslow is one manager who has a right to boast of the ability of his middleweight charge, Johnny Carter. Carter, recently knocked out Van Boo McNutt and then lambasted Cocoa Kid, who beat Holman Williams following the Carter setback. Carter is one of the most-feared 160-pounders in the game.

Here are recent fight results:

At Herman Taylor's Arena: Ike Williams, 134½ pounds, of Trenton, knocked out Dorsey Lay, 136, of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Archie Wilmer, 130¼, of Wilmington, decisioned Pat Demers, 133, of Providence, in eight rounds; Freddy Dawson, 136½, of Chicago, knocked out Ernie Petrone, 140, of Philadelphia, in two rounds; Jimmy Collins, 131½, of Philadelphia, won from Russ Rega, 133, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Mario Ochoa, 164, of Cuba, beat Gus Alexander, 165, of Trenton, in six rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Met: Wesley Mouzon, 136½, of Philadelphia, knocked out Sante Bucca, 136, of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Bob Smith, 125, of Philadelphia, conquered Ray Morris, 121½, of Wilmington, in ten rounds; Billy Nixon, 145, of Philadelphia, beat Joey Falco, 144, of Philadelphia, in eight rounds; Johnny (Red) Fees, 138, of Lebanon, stopped Charlie Howley, 144, of Chester, in one round; Johnny Wolgast, 125, of Philadelphia, beat Jimmy Allen, 127, of Philadelphia, in six rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Olympia: Dave Freeman, 142½, of Philadelphia, battered Joe Amico, 141½, of Philadelphia, in eight rounds; Nelson Canty, 167, of Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Long, 176, of Camden, in four rounds; Johnny Fry, 140, of Chester, kayoed York Howell, 141, of Philadelphia, in two rounds; Jimmy Lane, 142½, of Philadelphia, finished Johnny Freeman, 140, in two rounds; Clint Davidson, 120, of Philadelphia, knocked out Joey Fury, 126, of Philadelphia, in four heats.

At Jimmy Toppi's Olympia: Lee Jones, 142, of Philadelphia, knocked out Pat Patucci, 144½, of Philadelphia, in five rounds; Al Johnson, 165, of Philadelphia, stopped Corporal Leo LeGarde, 159, of the U. S. Army, in four rounds; Bobby Samuels, 160½, knocked out Bobby Barrett, 165, in one round; Richard Pugh, 154, of Chester, flattened Sonny Savoy, 163, of Philadelphia, in one round; Billy Jones, 173, of Philadelphia, knocked out Billy Perry, 169, of Philadelphia, in one round.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria: George LaRover, 134, of Philadelphia, decisioned Paulie Jackson, 132½, of Reading, in eight rounds; Willie Thomas, 128, of Philadelphia, beat Talbert Anderson, 129½, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Paul Febbo, 122, of Philadelphia, knocked out Tim Klinges, 119, of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Leonard Trader, 143½, of Philadelphia, and Irish Gee Sparry, 149, of Philadelphia, drew in six rounds; Larney Moseley, 127, of Philadelphia, beat Eddie Mullin, 127, of Philadelphia, in four rounds.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria: Billy (Jiggs) Donahue, of Philadelphia, beat George Williams, of Baltimore, in eight rounds; Jimmy Tate, of Philadelphia, lost to Leon Szymurski, of Chester, in eight rounds; Irish Gee Sparry, of Philadelphia, beat Leonard Trader, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Eddie Mullin, of Wilkes-Barre, beat Larney Moseley, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Sal Clements, of Philadelphia, won from Jimmy Klinges, of Wilkes-Barre, in four rounds. No weights available.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

BUD CHRISTMAN, Tommy Cello's Navy lad, scored a fast ten-round decision over Bobby Richards, Vallejo featherweight, in the headliner at Sacramento's L Street Arena. The bout was a corker. For six heats Richards had a lead but Christman came from behind to win the last four rounds and the decision. After the fight it was disclosed that Richards had broken his hand in the sixth.

In the semi-final, Billy Brent, Jr. lightweight, defeated Baby Santiago. Stockton, in six rounds. Other results: Billy Seymons, flattened Tony Soto, welterweights in two; Larry Carter kayoed Leonard Blanchard, middleweights in four; Louie Brunello, Sacramento, looked good dropping Bob Underhill for the full-count in the first.

In a fight crammed with action, Louie Wise decisioned Edgar Robinson. They are Los Angeles Negro scrappers and fought ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl. Robinson was felled three times, but managed to score a knockdown himself. Edgar employed a pesty short right that dropped Bert Lewis' lad for a nine-count in the second. After this, Wise was more cautious. He dropped Robinson twice in the sixth and once in the seventh. However, the latter remained upright for the full distance. Looping Louie scaled 161, Robinson 160.

Larry Carter, 160, punched out an edge in a fast six-rounder over Jimmy "Top Row" Allen, 154½, in the semi-final; Harold Alle, 148, dropped a four-rounder to Predo Jiminez, 151, Vallejo; Billy Mayfield, 151½, flattened Cowboy Jack Pottor, 150, in the third of the opener. House gross was $2,200.

Jackie Burke, 174-pound Sailor, scored a technical knockout in the second round of the main event at San Jose. His victim was Al Sheridan, 174, of Indianapolis. The referee halted the affair because of a deep cut inflicted over Sheridan's left eye. Burke had previously floored Al for nine seconds.

In the semi-windup, Frisco Perez, 132, San Francisco, T.K.O.'ed Doug Billeby, 128, Duluth, Minn., in the third round.

Ray Salas, popular Berkeley lightweight, completely outclassed the game fighting Jimmy Florita, Stockton, Filipino, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium. Florita stepped in as a sub for Bobby Yeager, who received an injury in training.

Salas used his well-educated left jab that had the Filipino's head bobbing back and forth. The latter was game, but most of the time he was too busy receiving to turn offensive. The house grossed $4,101. Weights: Salas, 136; Florita, 141½.

The house was divided over who should have won the semi-windup between George Millich and Leo Green with the former getting Referee Jimmy Duffy's nod. It was a fast-fought six-rounder. We thought Millich had an edge. The opener ended almost as soon as it started when Vic Young, 131, San Francisco, knocked-out Baby Santiago, 132½, of Stockton, in the first. It was a two-punch affair. At the start Young landed a left hook flooring the "Baby" for a nine-count. Santiago was dropped again immediately after arising, this time for good.

In another sixer, Jimmy "Top Row" Allen, 156, decisioned Hal Alle, 150, San Francisco. Speedy Cannon, 160½, kayoed Johnny Adams in the third after each hit the canvas.

Newsboy Millich, Sacramento's pride of the ring, scored a fast ten-round decision over awkward Al Ware, Oakland's "Tony Galento," at National Hall. Ware trimmed down to 208 for the headliner as Millich scaled 180. Newsboy won eight of ten rounds, but the bout was closer than that. In the fifth, Millich floored the Oaklander for a no-count. The last two rounds were really rough and both contestants let the fur fly. Very few thought the battle would go ten.

Frankie Moore, 140, Oakland, and Billy Rhodes, 138, went to a draw in six; LeRoy Wade, 158, edged Harold Alle, but only received a draw; Sid Jones, 160, K.O.'ed Teddy Allen, 158, in the third.

San Francisco fans booed Referee Frankie Carter's decision of a draw between Kenny LaSalle, Venice, California, veteran and Ike Blair, Los Angeles Negro, in ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl. Everyone in the arena thought LaSalle won handily as he floored the game Los Angeles boy twice in the sixth. Carter gave this rare verdict claiming he had warned the veteran six times for fouling, but did not indicate this on his score card, thus being the second referee in weeks to be suspended. Carter charted the bout 59 points for LaSalle and 51 for Blair.

For the fight itself was clearly one-sided. Blair and Kenny aren't in the same class. The former nearly ended everything in the sixth, flooring Ike twice. A left hook to the body floored the Negro for nine seconds and when he arose a volley of blows dropped him again as the bell sounded. After the knockdowns Blair received plenty about the midriff but managed to remain upright.

One thing the corner must say, is that Kenny was guilty of fouling as he used the kidney punch and held his foe behind the head. Weights: LaSalle, 157; Blair, 150½.

LeRoy Wade, 160-pound Negro Friscoan, scored two knockdowns in the early rounds, but fell behind and went six to a draw with Bert Singleton, Blair's stablemate, in the semi-windup. Singleton did a nice job of catching up on Wade; Bucky O'Connor, 142, Fresno, made a hit licking Peter Perry, 136, Oakland, in four rounds. O'Connor dropped his opponent three times in the final heat. In the opener, another pleasing battle between Billy Mayfield, 152, and Teddy Allen, 158, with the former winning a T.K.O. in three. Allen was ahead until Mayfield clipped him with a dandy on the whiskers that put him on queer street. The referee wisely called a halt.

The United States Navy stepped in the last minute to halt the proposed Carl Turner-Paul Lewis "natural" at the Oakland Auditorium. Turner, a Navy lad, wasn't supposed to fight and when he tried to do otherwise, his commander canceled his leave and sent him East to his base. This was the second time the Turner-Lewis "natural" has been postponed. We call it "natural", because both are Oakland favorites. In pre-war days Turner made quite a name for himself licking such standouts as Baby Arizmendi, Cecil Hudson, Jimmy Garrison, Cocoa Kid, etc. Since being in the service Lewis took his place as the Oakland idol.

However, Ray Carlen, one of Oakland's three promoters, matched Irish Johnny Taylor and Lewis. It was Irish Johnny's big chance, but he had to give away eight-and-a-half pounds. This was a lot. It turned into a sizzling encounter with Paulie winning a technical knockout in the fifth. The brother of ex-champ John Henry Lewis started lashing out with a two-fisted attack from the start and had Taylor reeling when Referee Fred Battaro called halt. The Negro favorite was in great condition, but had to fight hard to lick his game rival. House Gross was $7,314.

Prelims: Al Loboa, 184, San Jose veteran, surprised many by handing Matt Jiminez, 180, Hayward, his first defeat in nine pro matches. Loboa ended fast in the fifth and sixth to win the nod. It was a thriller, Billy Brent, 129, nosed out Vic Young, 131, for the duke in six rounds. The boys really let the fur fly. Billy Mayfield, 151, won over Ernesto Rasniscz, 147, in four and Eddie Keller, 184, went to a draw with Smiley Burnett, 190, in the opening four.

In the ten-round feature at National Hall, Jackie Ryan, 155, Frisco Irishman, won another fight when he stopped LeRoy Wade, local Negro, in the fifth. It was a substitute bout and it lacked plenty. The referee stopped it in the fifth round when Wade injured his mitt and could not continue. Wade scaled 162.

In the semi-final, Predo Jiminez, 157, won over Speedy Cannon, 156. Jiminez was cut from an unintentional butt on the head, the referee stopped the match and raised his hand. In the best fight on the card, Teddy Allen, 162, and Eugene O'Brien, 167, went four to a draw. In the opener, Major Ragle, 168, defeated K.O. Brown, 177, in four.

Before a near capacity crowd at Civic Auditorium, Charley Burley, California state middleweight champion, banged out a unanimous ten-round decision over Joe Carter, Rome, N. Y., gamester. By request of George Winn, Carter's manager, judges were used, but in no way helped the Empire state belter. Referee Gorman voted 58 to 52 for Burley. Judges Frank Brown and Toby Irwin also cast their votes for the Pittsburgher, 56½ to 52½, 52½-47½.

The Gross receipts were $13,683.65.

The bout was almost postponed a few hours before the fighters were to enter the ring. It all started when the commission doctor ruled Carter's right eye impaired. Promoter Benny Ford requested a vote of the commish, the board members voted three to two in favor of the bout going on. William Haughton, L.A. member, stated the match was staged over his protest. Ed Pencevish was on Haughton's side, while John Rustigan, Norm Houston and Tony Entenza were in favor of it.

Now for the scrap itself: Burley, regarded as one of the country's best 160-pound punchers, came close to a knockout in the third when he floored his opponent with a short left-hook for an eight count. Burley landed plenty of leather which hurt the Eastern jab artist. Carter boxed himself out of danger several times, but couldn't inflict enough damage with his left. In the clinches Carter fought either defensively or hung on.

During the fifth, sixth and seventh, Burley's vicious rights just missed fast-stepping Joe. If these had landed it would certainly end everything. The boys fought all the ten rounds and the fans loved it even if it was slightly one sided.

Weights: Charley the Champ, 156½; Joe, 157.

In the best prelim of the night Larry Carter, no relation to main-eventer, but a bright prospect, and Bobby Brown, stablemate of Carter's, fought toe-to-toe to a draw in six rounds. The two Negroes filled the ring with punches. Brown, an infighter, had the best of the first three heats. However, the San Franciscan, a southpaw, scored the harder blows and came from behind to earn a draw.

The semi-final saw Al Loboa, veteran of more than 15 years and Ira Hughes of Oakland go six to a draw. This corner thought Loboa had an edge, but most of the fighting was in close and didn't satisfy the customers.

In the opener, Alonzo McDonald, 154, stopped Eugene O'Brien, 159½, in the third round.

Duane Everett, 153½-pound San Diegan, scored a booed six-round decision over Speedy Cannon, 152, San Francisco Negro boy, in the headliner at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. Fans thought Cannon was entitled to no less than a draw.

Sid Jones, 158, unbeaten San Jose middleweight, did the strong man act by fighting to a draw with Al McDonald, 154, in four rounds and coming after the main event to T.K.O. Russ Smitty, 159, in the fourth round; Tony Chavez, 136, stopped Johnny Costa, 140, in four; Jess Flores, 138, ex-Golden Glove Champ turned pro, and stopped Ollie Belger, 132, in the first. Tab Flores as slightly better than a terrific prospect.

In a fight that had everything from a knockdown to a low blow—to stepping on feet, hitting the referee, and kicking each other, Newsboy Millich, rejuvenated (?) Sacramento heavyweight, defeated Oakland Billy Smith, rough youngster, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Smith won the first by a good margin and in the second he floored his opponent for an eight count with a left hook to the jaw. However, with the third, Millich kept the upper hand.

Oakland Billy started the rough-stuff in this round, making the fans all for the Sacramento veteran. In breaking, Smith tried to sneak over a blow, but it landed on Referee Jimmy Evans' head. The latter took it standing up. Smith received a terrific pasting around the body. Again in the sixth Billy was fouling, he landed a low blow so Millich was given a rest.

Knowing he was falling farther behind with every round, Smith started stepping on his foe's toes, but this did him no good for Millich pasted the former badly in the midsection. In the tenth, Newsboy dug lefts deep into the Oaklander's body, causing him to double up.

At times the fans went wild over Smith's rough doings. They threw newspapers, magazines, soda pop, etc., at him.

Millich scaled 180, Smith 172½.

Prelims: George Millich, Sacramento, and brother of Newsboy, gained a six-round duke over Ira Hughes of Oakland. Hughes threw a few low blows in the latter rounds. Millich weighed 177, Hughes 171. Abel Lucero, 133½, took an unpopular six-round verdict over Joe Gorman of Oakland. Gorman took a beating in the fifth. Billy Mayfield, Oakland, 149, stopped Cowboy Jack Pottor, 153, in the third.

Gross receipts were $4,502.26.

Jorge Robles, Mexican firecracker, decisioned Elwood Romero, Sacramento bantam, in ten rounds at the L Street Arena in Sacramento. Robles, highly touted South-of-the-border battler, was a little too good for the hometown lad.

Other results: Speedy Cannon, San Francisco, defeated Pete Viratos, Sacramento, in six rounds; Majoe Kagle T.K.O.'ed Kayo Brown in four; Phil Montes stopped Kid Chocolate. Pete Herrero flattened Johnny Adams in two rounds.

Young Jackie Burke, 169, Sailor boy under Tommy Cello's handlings, scored a fine fought ten-canto decision over Roman Starr, tattooed Oklahoma veteran, at National Hall.

Burke used a well-educated left to defeat durable Starr, although the latter made a fight of it throughout. Jackie, who was in great shape, fought his first fight in this city since going to a draw with Paulie Peters. Starr scaled 167.

Speedy Cannon, 153, and Top Row Allen, 153, mixed it for two rounds, but missed mostly. Referee Bobby Andrews warned the battlers to fight harder, even though ringsiders thought they were trying. The gallery boys made Andrews think the fighters were not doing their best. Cannon's handler, Joe Herman, yanked Speedy from the ring, claiming, "just because some fans want a little more action I'm not going to have a 'no-contest' against a fighter when one doesn't deserve it." Herman, a capable handler, was justified in what he did, this corner thinks. Andrews awarded the bout to Top Row.

Sid Jones, 158, and Chuck Ross, 157, drew in four; Jess Flores, 138, nicely defeated Tony Marino, 134, in four.

Jumping Joey Keyes, Los Angeles, Negro middleweight, surprised Bay Area fans who pitted him a four to one underdog and banged out a ten-round decision over Kenny LaSalle at the Coliseum Bowl. The battle was a sluggish affair for the first five rounds. Keyes, the aggressor throughout, did damage to Kenny's right eye in the third. However, most of his punches landed on elbows and arms.

LaSalle was content to rest back, heave a left hook and clinch. In the last three cantos, he broke loose and won these rounds, but fell short of victory. It was questionable. Referee Joe Gorman's score card read: Keyes 56 points, LaSalle, 54 points. Weights: LaSalle, 154; Keyes, 149½.

Someone didn't show for the prelims and only two bouts went on. Pedro Jiminez, 154, Vallejo, defeated Charley Catos, 163, Oakland, in six fast rounds. Al McDonald, 153½, nodded Billy Mayfield, 151, in four rounds.

Don Lee, younger brother of Glen, fought aggressively and won by a technical knockout in the sixth round of a tenner at the Oakland Auditorium. The victim of Lee's hard-hitting was Charley O'Kelley, Vallejo Negro subbing for Al Couture. The Negro lad took a pasting around the body and as a sub wasn't in good condition. He was w

out and the end could be seen by the fifth round. In this canto, Lee punched O'Kelley to the canvas twice with left hooks for nine counts. In the sixth, the Nebraskan dropped his opponent with a long right to the jaw. Referee Jimmy Evans didn't count, he just raised the winner's duke.

The gross gate, $3,251.08.

Weights: Don Lee 149, O'Kelley 148.

In the semi-final, Predo Jiminez, 150, pulled two upsets in three days, he defeated Lincoln Stanley, 146, Oakland, in six rounds. Matt Jiminez, 178, won the nod over Leo Green, 184, six rounds. Al Salas, 142½, stopped Ernesto Rominez, 146, in the first. Luther Johnson, 143, T.K.O.'ed Boykin Borgeois, 142, in the third.

Al Ware lost some of the extra beef on his pancho and put himself back into the local heavyweight main-events when he flattened youthful Billy Gilbert, previously unbeaten, in the seventh round at National Hall. Ware, weighing 207, his lowest in years, was trailing by a slight edge at the edge of the fifth. Late in the sixth, Ware fired a side-arm right dropping his fleet-footed foe into the ropes. However, he managed to weather the round. Gilbert was an easy target for the final blow early in the seventh. Gilbert scaled 220 pounds.

Speedy Cannon, 153, went six to a draw with Top Row Allen, 153½, in the semi-windup. The boys went through it hammer-and-tongs. Willie Brown, 158, stopped Louie Haidman, 165, in three. Tony Nieves, 150, knocked out "Kid Choc" Tindwell, 152, in the first round.

Gross was $1,850.

SHORT JABS: 10% came off the recent Burley-Carter show for the Charley Paddock Athletic Fund to supply athletic equipment for service men overseas. Aside from the 10%, a collection was taken up at ringside amounting to $1,442, a worthy collection for a worthy cause. Manuel Plazza, Sacramento lightweight, has left to join Uncle Sam's fighting Army. . . . Johnny Andrews is now an amateur boxing promoter and staged his first show at Santa Rosa. It was a great success. He plans to show there weekly. . . . Harry Allbritton, Guido Giometti's unbeaten lightweight, is now with the Army in Germany. Giometti has great plans for Allbritton in the future. . . . Received a letter from that pleasing battler, Wacky Williams. He is now Pvt. Aaron Williams, Military Police at Camp Lejeune. No. Caro. Wacky who has been in the service for fourteen months, writes he is in great shape.

Vic Grupico, Frisco Coast Guardsman, was home for a few days. He has added a few pounds and would probably enter in the welterweight class. Vee Gee is now a mess cook aboard ship. . . . Chico Rosa, unbeaten Hawaiian lad, copped a win over popular Paul Roguejo in ten at San Jose. The house paid $2,740 net, tops for the small town. Rosa has rung up a fine streak of victories. . . . Among the many boys returning to the fistic frame is George Tracy, heavyweight. Tracy is losing poundage and may soon be fighting in the Bay Area. . . . Joe Ybarra, Oakland vet, has received a discharge from the Army. He also will re-enter the ring in the near future. . . . That's all for this month, folks! See you again soon. Until then, this is Bob Valli, 1910 Mason Street, San Francisco 11, Calif.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JOHNNY GREEN had his troubles with Andre (Indian) Gomez but succeeded in beating the rugged Indian after ten slashing rounds at the Hudson A.C. on March 27. Green spotted Gomez 14 pounds, which is too much. Some of these days Johnny will run into a beating through fighting out of his class. The referee and both judges found for Green but the fight was a red-hot one and close.

Oscar Boyd, 159½, made a punching bag out of Bill Purnell of Baltimore, who also weighed 159½. Oscar is going very good right now.

Lou Presto bowed out to Stan Edwards in the fourth round. Presto weighed 171; Edwards, 174. Presto should quit fighting. He was a fine prospect once but won't get any place now.

At the Fairview A.C. on March 19, Joe Muscato easily whipped Johnny Clark of New York in the main event of eight rounds. Muscato looked very good and is now after the best in the light-heavyweight division.

In other bouts Cliff Becket, the Sudbury, Ont., puncher scored a k.o. over Freddie Patterson, 153, of Rochester in the third round. Benny McCombs, 174, a great prospect, knocked out Cleve Bailey, 169, Vineland, N. J., in one round.

Sam Mineo has established himself in a big gymnasium at 356 Main Street in the heart of downtown Buffalo. . . Sam's place is over Bowles' Lunch Room and will be a regular sports headquarters. . . . Besides having a gym in operation Mineo will also open a splendid billiard academy. . . . Jack Singer, matchmaker of the Hudson Boxing club, is eager to start newcomers in Buffalo and can be addressed at Washington and North Division Streets. . . . Billy Mitchie's Fairview club is also ready to show new faces. Billy's offices are in the Palace Theater building, Buffalo.

The wrestling game never was better than now. Promoters Jack Herman and Jerry Monahan have the cream of the Bowser crop working weekly at Memorial auditorium.

Johnny Green won a hard-fought bout from Sidney Miller of Detroit at the Hudson club on March 13. Miller had a big pull in the weights coming in at 155½ to Green's 144. Green won a large number of rounds but Miller was always in there punching and trying. It was a good bout. A crowd of 2,630 paid $4,244 gross.

Tommy Mollis fought a draw with Wild Oscar Boyd in the six-round semi-final. Boyd has been beating all comers and was surprised at the good battle Mollis staged. Boyd weighed 160½; Mollis, 155½.

Around the Town . . . Ike Williams, the belting New Jersey lightweight, is coming back to fight for Billy Mitchie again. . . . Ike will tangle with a topnotcher here this summer. . . . Jack Singer believes Prentiss Hall can now cope with top-notch light-heavies. . . . Prentiss is growing and will soon hit the 170-pound mark. . . . Jake LaMotta or Johnny Carter will tackle Hall in Buffalo before the end of the indoor season. . . . Bert Finch has an offer for Mike Martyk to fight in Savannah, Ga. Right now Mike is working at a war job in his home town, St. Catharines, Ont., and can't get away for much boxing. . . . Both local clubs want to promote outdoor boxing shows. . . . Jack Singer hopes to catch on with Offermann Stadium while Bill Mitchie will probably use Civic Stadium. . . . Another match pending is one that will bring together Prentiss Hall and Patsy Pirroni. . . . Gus Schlee, big amateur heavyweight, will turn pro. . . . Gus looked very good in the Golden Gloves tournament. . . . The fast-coming Cliff Becket continues to trim all comers in Pittsburgh. . . . Cliff's mentor, Joe Netro, has been promised several main events out of town. . . . The day is coming when Cliff will be able to headline Buffalo shows. . . . He's a promising kid.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

BOB BRICKMAN and Larry Atkins presented three well-balanced cards in the past month.

On March 7th Tommy Bell, 149, Youngstown, kayoed Bobby Richardson, 153, with a left hook to the jaw in the sixth round. Bobby was leading by a slight margin at the time and had scored a one-second knockdown in the fourth round.

LeRoy Jackson, 127, kayoed Ted Christy, 127, Milwaukee, in the second. Jackson scored a knockdown as the bell ended the first round. Jackson as usual made a tremendous hit with the crowd.

Chuck Hunter, 147, outclassed Alex Doyle, 146, Garfield, N. J., stopping him in the first round.

Berry Wright, 146, looked exceptionally good kayoing Lee Sheppard, 152, in the second.

Leo Garrett, 135, defeated Stanley Cieslak, 135, Detroit, in a very pleasing bout.

Gene Lydell, 161, San Francisco, defeated Tiger Brown, 156, Philadelphia, four rounds.

On March 21—Johnny Flynn, 210, Rochester, won a split decision over Lee Q. Murray, 209, South Norwalk, Conn. Both boys fought hard from start to finish, but Flynn's accuracy was the deciding factor.

Harry Jeffra, 130, Baltimore, defeated LeRoy Jackson, 127, eight rounds. This bout was crammed full of action. Jeffra won the first five rounds and Jackson the last three. In the last two rounds LeRoy gave the former champ a one-sided licking.

Sampson Powell, 166, defeated Mario Ochoa, 167, Cuba, eight rounds. It was nip and tuck all the way.

Leo Garrett, 135, defeated Johnny Virgo, 138, Rochester, five rounds, in an exceptionally fast fight. Garrett shows considerable promise.

Joe Pirrone, 140, knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 143, Toronto, in the first.

One of the greatest shows ever presented anywhere was held on April 4. Jimmy Doyle, 146, California, won a split decision over Chuck Hunter, 150, in an excellent 10-round bout. The action was marvelous and had the crowd on edge from start to finish.

LeRoy Jackson, 129, was the victim of a poor decision in a return match with Harry Jeffra, 130, Baltimore. Jeffra won the first two rounds and eighth, Jackson the other five. Jackson scored heavily in the fourth and seventh and landed the harder blows and forced the fighting throughout. The crowd voiced its disapproval of the decision with vociferous boos.

Artie Levine, Brooklyn welter, looked good stopping Willie Watkins of Detroit in the fourth.

Leo Garrett deserved the decision but didn't get it in a hot five-rounder with Johnny Virgo, Rochester. They are lightweights.

Tony Brush (150-pounder), lost a hairline decision to Eddie Martin, Detroit, in the opening five-rounder.

Berry Wright, 145, beat Frankie Young, 155, at Providence, in an eight-rounder, taking every round. Berry making his debut in the East made a very favorable showing.

Dave Mason, heavyweight, stopped Kenneth Johnson in the sixth round at Dayton, March 23.

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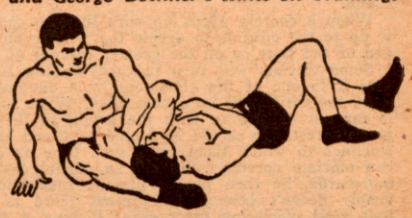

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WILLIE SCHULKIN

COL. EDDIE EAGAN, New York's recently appointed boxing commissioner, is trying out a new system in judging bouts in New York. There is little wrong with our present rules. At present New York has one of the finest systems of judging bouts in the world. Good common sense is needed to determine a winner and that's being done with consistency in New York rings. This business of tabulating scores with numerals, additions and subtractions is confusing to the average referee and judge.

I've judged recent bouts by rounds, giving due consideration to aggressiveness, cleverness, effective punching, knockdowns, etc., and invariably my scorecard has tallied exactly with that of the officials in determining the winner. As the New York rule now stands, should a man win a lesser number of rounds than his opponent, he may be awarded the decision if his rounds were won by a wide margin and in the opinion of the officials he has done creditable work, enough to erase his opponent's small lead.

This is as it should be. It takes only common sense to determine a winner at the end of a contest. Controversies will always arise when a decision is given at the end of a closely-fought fray. That's human nature. But it is just as easy to err with the point system as it is judging round-by-round.

When a contest winds up with little to choose between the men, then it is up to the officials to decide the winner on the fighters' condition at the end of the bout or on the greater margin of victory in any one round.

Some officials will turn in cards calling such contests even, others will give it to one of the gladiators by a one-round margin. In general, however, the cards will be almost alike. When an official turns in a tally that is far out of reason, with the action in the fight, such person should be given a rest. He should be forced to attend bouts (without pay), sit on the sidelines to watch them until such time as he is ready to prove that he can officiate correctly. Should an official consistently turn in questionable scorecards, he then proves himself inefficient and should be ousted. He simply doesn't belong. At present there is nothing wrong with boxing that good officiating can't cure. Picking a winner at the end of a fight is simple. Let's not complicate matters with a double system of points and rounds.

Referee Abe Goldberg saved the day. On numerous occasions Honest Abe, who usually officiates as a judge, has been pressed into service as an emergency referee and has acquitted himself nobly. Last season he was pushed in as a last-minute substitute for the ailing Young Otto at the Fort Hamilton Arena. Goldberg bounced right in there, dress shoes and all, and did a good night's work.

At the Broadway Arena, a few months back, Referee Harry Ebbetts, all flushed after a series of real hard bouts, reeled dizzily to a corner, and Abe Goldberg, sensing the situation, leaped into the ring and took the reins from there. Goldberg's latest job of emergency refereeing popped up a few weeks ago when he was pressed into service to officiate at the Phil Palmer-Joey Peralta go at the Broadway Arena. Abe seems to have a motto, "Theirs not to reason why—theirs but to do or die," etc. So far he's not let his public down. Keep up the good work, Abe.

Your RING reporter in his travels says. . . . Over at Laurel Gardens in Newark, Billy Grant performed like a master in putting away the highly touted George Parks in six rounds. . . . Archie Moore turned in a beautiful piece of work in winning all ten rounds from Nate Bolden in Baltimore. . . . Jimmy Johnston can rave all he wants about his Fernando (The Mighty) Menichelli, but for my money give me Archie Moore. . . . He's the smoothest piece of fighting machinery this writer has seen in years. . . . Lloyd Marshall won over Teddy Randolph in a gruelling battle down in Baltimore. . . . It looks like Marshall vs. Moore in the near future. . . . You can rest assured I'll not miss that one! . . . Fans with weak hearts should stay away from Billy Grant's bouts. . . . Made a smashing hit at Madison Square Garden in scoring a five-round knockout over John Thomas. . . . These boys were immediately rematched for a main go at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York. . . . Cocoa Kid didn't get any break when they ruled him the loser against Johnny Carter in Newark. . . . From what I saw, Cocoa won seven of the ten rounds. . . . The Cocoa Kid atoned for this defeat seven days later by taking Holman Williams into camp in ten rounds. . . . In Detroit, Maxie Shapiro embedded himself solidly with Detroit fans when he whipped Ruby Garcia and then went on to lick Juste Fontaine by the narrowest of margins in Milwaukee. . . . Jackie Connelly and Mike Konnors, two preliminary kids around New York, are coming along. . . . They are lightweights who, if brought along right, can't miss making the grade. . . . Buddy Garcia turned in a good win in knocking out Vic Pignataro in six rounds at White Plains. Westchester fans would welcome Garcia back again any time.

Humberto Zavala, 135, Mexico, won a close decision over Pat Demers, 135¾, Brockton, Mass., in the feature bout of ten rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena. Zavala, who it was thought would have an easy workout, ran into some very stubborn opposition and gave his supporters many anxious moments before the contest was over. To add to his woes, Zavala injured his left shoulder in the eighth round. The decision was split, with Judge Charley Devlin voting six rounds to Zavala, three to Demers and one even. Judge Billy Cohen ruled it as six rounds to four in favor of Demers, while Referee Ruby Goldstein gave five to Zavala, four to Demers and one even, thus awarding a very close duke to the fiery Mexican. 3218 paying fans were present and contributed to a gate of $5122.

In six-round bouts, Sid Haber, 140½, Brooklyn, defeated Orlando Ferrara, 134½, Stamford, Conn. Felix Ramirez, 131, Puerto Rico, knocked out Florian Bibeau, Montreal, in 41 seconds of the first round. Eddie Compo, 126½, New Haven, looked good in punching out a win over Mario Torres, 133½, Puerto Rico. Reedy Evans, 169, Chicago, scored a technical knockout win over Hugh Murphy, 165, Washington Heights, in 2:22 of the fourth round. In the opening four-round bout Bearham Vitale, 136, New Haven, whipped Nick Primiani, 136, Montreal.

Phil Palmer, 141, Vancouver, chalked up his seventeenth bout without a defeat when he trounced the up-and-coming Johnny Williams, 138½, Montgomery, Ala., in the feature bout of eight rounds at the Broadway Arena. Williams did not perform up to par and was subjected to quite a pummelling throughout the bout. Palmer never let up on his opponent and almost succeeded in blasting the game Williams out of the picture on several occasions during the bout. Johnny was down for a count of nine in the third round, but rallied somewhat during the sixth and seventh rounds. The decision was unanimous.

In a hard-fought semi-final bout of eight rounds, Al Pennino, 125½, Brooklyn, seemed to have the edge on Charley Noel, 127½, Brooklyn, but the officials called it a draw. Pennino tried hard enough, but Noel's experience stood him in good stead and the crowd cheered both contestants as they left the ring. Lew Perez, clowning Puerto Rican, weighed in at 152¾, and put every ounce of his weight behind a right-hand smash to the jaw of Ernest Barnwell, 158½, Brooklyn, to score a sensational knockout in 1:58 of the first round.

Tommy Gargano, 149½, South Brooklyn, won the duke over Jackie Reemes, 155½, Brooklyn, in another six-round bout. In the opening four, a newcomer by the name of Freddie Bernhardt, 138½, Akron, O., punched out a win over Steve Bilko, 143½, Sayreville, N. J., in a bruising battle.

White Plains County Center staged its weekly boxing program and featured Vic Pignataro, 140½, Bronx, scoring a knockout over Frankie Gromada, 137¾, East Side, in 45 seconds of the second round. Gromada, who was engaging in his first main event, seemed to freeze up and couldn't get going. The kid can do better if given a chance to come along.

In a six-round bout, Joe LaMotta, 151¼, who is coming along in sensational style, scored a knockout over Lee Black, 154, Harlem, in 1:55 of the second round. Eddie Beasley, 164, Paterson, N. J., had too much on the ball for Dave Carver, 162½, Bronx, and was awarded the unanimous duke. Amado Rodriquez, 170½, Mexico, won by a knockout over Lou Miller, 158½, Brooklyn, in five rounds. In four-round bouts Julie Bort, 138½, Brooklyn, whipped Georgie Bass, 143½, West Side, and Harry Durden, 153¼, Brooklyn, knocked out Teddy Wilson, 148¾, Harlem, in 35 seconds of the fourth round.

Melio Bettina, 191, Beacon, N. Y., held Jimmy Bivins, 185, Cleveland, to a ten-round draw at Madison Square Garden. Bettina, a cagy southpaw, boxed cautiously throughout the contest and Bivins seemed off in his timing as he lunged after his retreating opponent throughout the contest. Melio did some fine work at long range, outsmarting the Cleveland Negro, but nullified this advantage by continuous holding in close. Joe Louis need have no fear.

The current crop of heavyweights should not make him lose any sleep. Bivins entered the ring a 5 to 16 favorite but proved a big disappointment. At that, you could hardly put the blame entirely on the Clevelander as it takes two to make a fight. Towards the end of the fifth round, Bivins scored with a right cross to the head which caught Bettina off balance, sending him to the canvas just before the bell rang ending the round. Bettina immediately got to his feet and walked steadily to his corner. Many in the audience thought Bettina was off balance before going down and that this did not constitute a knockdown. As this writer sees it, any punch delivered, whether solidly or not, which puts a man on the canvas, should be registered officially as a knockdown.

In the sixth round, Bivins punched Bettina all over the Garden ring, but the wily Bettina clutched and ran and managed to stay out of trouble. Bettina closed strongly in the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds, but not enough to win the fight.

Here is how the officials voted. Referee Arthur Donovan ruled six rounds to Bettina, and four to Bivins. Judge Marty Monroe gave eight rounds to Bivins and two for Bettina. Judge Jack Gordon ruled it an even affair with five rounds to each. As the writer saw it, the bout was a good draw, but Nat Fleischer, RING Editor, gave 7 to 3 for Bivins. A crowd of 15,090 fans paid $70,390 to witness the tiresome brawl.

Billy Grant, 173½, Orange, N. J., stole the show in the semi-final when he knocked out John Thomas, 182, Miami, in the fifth round. Thomas started off with a big lead, throwing punches at Grant from every conceivable angle. Grant weathered the storm and came back strong towards the end of the second round, flooring Thomas for a nine-count towards the end of that round.

Thomas opened the third with a heartbreaking rally, only to be met with a counter righthand uppercut which thumped the Miami battler to the canvas. Grant scored two more knockdowns in this round, but Referee Jack Watson permitted the bout to continue. It was wide judgment on the part of Watson as Thomas came back with a terrific effort in the fourth round. The fifth saw Grant scoring at will and after two knockdowns, Referee Watson was forced to step in and call a halt to the bout. Thomas got a great ovation as he left the ring.

In his last two appearances at the Garden, Grant proved a show-stopper on both occasions. Win or lose, this boy can be depended on to steal your heart away. Dom Amoroso, 136, Jersey City, got a close duke over little Bobby Smith, 127, of Philadelphia, in a fast six-rounder. Smith seemed entitled to a draw. In a six-rounder that went on after the main event, Jimmy McAllister, 129, Baltimore, whipped Mario Colon, 129½, Puerto Rico. Eddie Irwin, 183, Bronx, got the duke over Tony Gillo, 179½, New Haven veteran, in a slam-bang six-round bout. In the opening four, Charley Russell Howard, 137, of New York, atoned for his only defeat in the professional ranks, when he soundly trounced Tommy Anderson, 135¼, the Bronx.

Tony Janiro, 141½, Youngstown, Ohio, outpointed Alex Doyle, 145¾, Garfield, N. J., in the feature eight-round event at the Ridgewood Grove be-

fore a near capacity crowd. Janiro jabbed with an unerring left and made Doyle's leads look futile as Tony blocked punches in mid-air. Janiro did not seem to extend himself and was content to outbox his rugged New Jersey opponent. When the announcer stepped in to call off the rounds won under our present system, after looking at the three scorecards, all he had to do was say, "And all three officials voted eight rounds to Janiro."

Billy Graham, East Side Irish lightweight, who is undefeated in more than 50 bouts, whipped Herbert Solomon of Harlem, in a semi-final bout of six rounds. Billy looked very good as he punched his Negro opponent from pillar to post, but could not put him down for keeps. Solomon got a great hand from the fans for going the distance under such terrific pressure. Lou Angelo, Bayonne middleweight, punched out a six-round win over Freddie Graham, Harlem Negro.

Mike Konnors, local youngster, succeeded in putting away Lou Prince, Princeton, N. J., in five rounds. Prince had previously gone the distance with everyone he faced as a professional and this is quite a feather in the cap of Konnors. Steve Kish, Garfield, went to a draw with Lou Miller, Brownsville, in a four-round bout. Miller seemed to be the winner in this one. Jay Anderson knocked out Jack Moore in two rounds of the opening four-round contest. Both these boys are welterweights and hail from New York.

Steve Dudas, 198½, Edgewater, N. J., veteran, won the ten-round decision over Fernando (The Mighty) Menichelli, 194, Jimmy Johnston's importation from South America, in the feature bout at the St. Nicholas Arena. The Argentinian showed remarkable improvement over his previous showings, but was in against a man who knew all the answers. Dudas outpunched Menichelli on the inside and in general threw too many punches for the game but green Mighty One. Referee Otto Suskind (better known as Young Otto) voted six rounds to four in favor of Dudas. Judge John Potter called it six, three and one even, while Judge Sam Austin declared it even at four rounds to each and two even. A near capacity crowd paid $7114 to witness the bouts.

In the semi-final six-round bout, Ted Gordon, 165, the Bronx, whipped Ralph Tiovelli, 165½, Poughkeepsie, in a good bout. Gordon, two weeks previously had been knocked out by Tiovelli and fought a determined battle to whip his former conqueror. Joey (Sandy) Saddler, 124, the Bronx, knocked out Joe Montiero, 129, Wareham, Mass., in 1:23 of the fourth round. George Dennis, 216, the Bronx, looked good in knocking out Nap Mitchell, 201, Detroit Negro, in 1:43 of the first round. Four-round bouts resulted as follows: Freddie Bernhardt, 136, Akron, Ohio, whipped Bearham Vitale, 137½, New Haven. Billy Carroll, 129, Quebec, licked Earl Mintz, 130, Jersey City. Frankie Fischer, 149¾, of the Bronx, trimmed Jerry McGee, 157½, Augusta, Ga.

Coolidge Miller, 165, Brooklyn, seemed to be the winner in his bout with Jimmy Mulligan, 169, Boston, but had to be content with a draw at the end of eight hectic rounds at the White Plains Center. Referee Jim Crowley awarded the bout to Mulligan, but was overruled by both judges, who declared the contest a draw. There was no doubt in the minds of the packed house regarding the winner. The fans favored Mulligan by a wide margin as did the scribes. Boos and hisses greeted the unfair and poor decision.

In the six-round semi-final, Pat Scanlon, 140, Ozone Park, knocked out Pat Butler, 137, Brooklyn, in 2:34 of the second round. Billy Johnson, 166, Wilmington, N. C., won the duke over Freddie Graham, 158½, Harlem, in a fast six-round bout. Amado Rodriquez, 170½, Mexico, defeated James Polk, 172, Trenton, N. J., in six rounds. In four-round bouts, Steve Kish, 167½, Garfield, N. J., won the duke over Dave Carver, 163½, Bronx, and Tony Mancuso, 148½, Montreal, decisioned Tony Sullivan, 151¾, Brooklyn.

Al (Bummy) Davis, 146, Brownsville belter, scored another knockout on his comeback campaign when he subdued Rudy Giscombe, 151½, Jersey City, in 2:27 of the sixth round of the scheduled eight-round feature event at the Broadway Arena. Davis is now batting a perfect score on his recent efforts which totals to date, three knockouts out of three bouts. Giscombe started well enough, scoring with an overhand right to the head and keeping Davis tied up at close quarters.

In the second round, Davis found the range and subjected his Negro opponent to an unmerciful lathering with an effective left hook landing hard with these punches to the body and jaw. Giscombe made a good fight of it, but ran out of gas midway in the fifth round. From this point on, it became a matter of time until Davis caught up with the now wilting Jerseyite. Giscombe finally succumbed from exhaustion near the end of the sixth round.

In a scheduled six-round bout that was put on after the main event, Harry Durden, 153, Brooklyn, knocked out Eric Best, 155½, Brooklyn, in 2:02 of the third round. Baudelio Valencia, 155½, Mexico, scored a mild upset when he was awarded the decision over Tommy Gargano, 150½, South Brooklyn, in another six-round bout. Gargano looked good, but was caught with some sucker leads by the wild-swinging Mexican.

Lew Perez, 154, Puerto Rico, started like a lion but wound up like a lamb in his six-round encounter with the ill-conditioned Lou Miller, 154, Brownsville battler. Miller finished strongly in the fifth and sixth rounds and had Perez looking for refuge as the latter ran from corner to corner. The draw decision was very popular with the crowd. Nick Primiani, 135½, Montreal, knocked out Joey Neil, 135¾, Albany, N. Y., in 1:05 of the second round, while Julie Bort, Coney Island, outpointed George Suobasis, 147, Brooklyn, in the opening four-round bout.

Tami Mauriello came back! Before 18,291 fans who paid $101,918 to witness the bouts, Tami proved that they can come back! Mauriello spent three weeks in Hot Springs before coming East to put in a few solid weeks of conditioning. His earnest efforts were rewarded. Tami, weighing a plump 199½ pounds, forced the fighting from the outset, never giving Oma a chance to pull his clowning tactics of dropping his hands, turning his back, and then suddenly lashing out as his opponent tears in for the kill. It must be said that Oma did not appear his usual self and this can be partly attributed to the 181 pounds he weighed for this contest. This is the lightest Oma has weighed in more than three years. Oma's handlers admitted that Lee was very weak at this weight and could not put forth his best efforts.

In the opening round Tami pressed forward immediately and scored with roundhouse left hooks which Oma seemed to be slow in blocking. Oma walked around his opponent, coolly sizing up the situation, but did nothing to remedy matters. Mauriello continued to pile up a big lead with his ever-pressing style and every time Oma attempted to drop his hands to his sides, Mauriello would pounce in with left hooks to the jaw accompanied by solid right crosses to the same spot. It was a far different Mauriello from the one who had received a sound licking at the hands of Oma in their last fight. Referee Johnny Burns penalized Tami in the third round for striking out of bounds. This was a round that Mauriello had taken by a wide margin.

The fight followed along the same pattern until the ninth round when it seemed that the tired Oma found a new lease on life. In this round Oma scored at will with left jabs to the face and occasionally shot over a stinging right that did Tami no good. Lee followed this up in the tenth, but Mauriello never stopped pressing forward, giving as much as he caught. Mauriello entered the ring an underdog in the betting. Oma was favored at the odds of 5 to 14. Mauriello's victory proved very popular with the crowd, the same crowd which only a few weeks ago had installed Oma as a favorite with the gallery gods. Referee Johnny Burns and Judge Harold Barnes ruled the bout seven rounds to Mauriello and three to Oma. Judge Joe Agnello scored it as eight to two for Mauriello. Your RING reporter saw it as seven, two and one even in favor of Mauriello.

Elmer Ray of Hastings, Fla., proved too big for the game Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien of Tampa, Fla., putting his foe away in 2:41 of the fifth round. Ray, tipping the scales at a solid 194½ to 171 for his Negro rival, had entirely too much on the ball for his much lighter opponent. Ray pummelled his plucky rival from pillar to post but could not put him down. With O'Brien bleeding from a bad cut over his left eye, the referee was forced to call a halt to the uneven contest.

Ted Gordon, 164, the Bronx, was too tall for Dom Youvella, 160½, Poughkeepsie, and romped off with the unanimous decision at the end of their six-round bout. In another six-round contest, Reedy Evans, 166, Chicago, banged out a win over the game Johnny Lawer, 159½, Cleveland. This bout was a wild swinging affair and made a great hit with the fans. In two fours, Freddie Bernhardt, 139, Akron, Ohio, had the better of Pete Martin, 143½, Puerto Rico, and Frankie Fischer, 149, the Bronx, scored a technical knockout win over Kenny Reid, Battle Creek, Mich., in 1:39 of round two.

Jerry Fiorello, 158, of Bensonhurst, was awarded a split duke over Willis Scott, 159, Savannah, Ga., in the feature bout of eight rounds at the Ridgewood Grove. Fiorello had things entirely his own way and the crowd hooted the listless efforts of Scott. The amazing thing about this contest was how the officials voted. Judge Abe Goldberg voted four rounds to each, but under the Commission's new ruling, gave his vote to Fiorello for cleaner, more effective punching. The other judge called it seven rounds to Fiorello and one for Scott. Referee Al Berl scored it six rounds to Scott, and two for Fiorello.

In the semi-final eight, Freddie Addeo, 143½, Brooklyn, was declared the winner over Charley Watkins, 141½, Youngstown, Ohio, when Watkins could not answer the bell for the start of the third round when the latter sustained a badly cut eye. Milton Kessler, 146, Brooklyn, knocked out Thaddeus Cabey, 142½, Brooklyn, in 2:32 of the second round. Referee Berl stopped the bout when it was apparent that Cabey was badly hurt. In a six-round bout Cotton King, 136, Okeechobee, Fla., punched out a win over Jimmy Mason, 135, Jersey City. King was down for a nine-count in the first round. In the opening four-round bout Tony DeRosa, 151, Astoria, L. I., put away Julie Cross, 155¾, Brooklyn, in 2:33 of the fourth and final round.

Cocoa Kid, 158¾, New Haven veteran, won a split decision over Holman Williams, 157, Detroit, in the feature contest of ten rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena. This marked the thirteenth time these two rivals have faced each other and Williams proved the unlucky man this trip. In previous contests Cocoa holds eight wins and Williams has defeated Cocoa only twice with two bouts being called even in their series. Rather ridiculous, according to these statistics of the betting gentry, to install Williams a favorite in the betting at odds of 1 to 2.

Cocoa employed an accurate left jab to the head with which he unerringly reached his mark throughout the contest. Williams made use of a bobbing, weaving attack, which at times nullified the attack of the Cocoa Kid and made the contest very close indeed. Ho-Hum, so Cocoa did it again. All ab-o-o-o-o-ord. Next stop—East Lynn!

Nevá Esparza, 142, Mexico City, made his New York debut and won the decision over Sammy Mammone, 142½, Stamford, Conn., at the end of eight hectic rounds. Esparza proved a willing battler and found his rival (Mammone) willing to accommodate him every inch of the way. Harold (Cannonball) Gibson, 123, Harlem, made a great hit with the fans in scoring a knockout over Felix Ramirez, 130, Puerto Rico, in 2:04 of the third round. Gibson never took a backward step and Ramirez nailed him time and again with crushing rights to the jaw as the Cannonball kept tearing in.

The relentless style adopted by Gibson eventually bore fruit and a terrific right flush to the chin put Ramirez out for the night.

Pat Scanlon, 139, Ozone Park, out-pointed Tony Pellone, 141, New York, in a fast six-round bout. In fours, Georgie Bass, 144, Brooklyn, lost a big lead and Frankie Fischer, 148½, the Bronx, came from behind to earn a draw, while Carl Olson, 136, New Haven, licked Vinnie Melito, 131, Jamaica.

Phil Palmer, 140, Vancouver, B.C., hurdled his greatest obstacle to date when he defeated Joey Peralta, 139, Tamaqua, Pa., Mexican, in the feature eight-round event at the Broadway Arena. Palmer waged a persistent, relentless type of battle and was entirely too much for the clever Mexican. It was the 22nd consecutive bout without a defeat for the winner. The decision was unanimous.

In the semi-final, Mike Konnors, 132, West Side, scored a three-round knockout over Milton Bell, 136, Harlem. Referee Abe Goldberg was forced to halt the bout with Bell taking an unmerciful beating. Time, 1:55 of the third round. Tony Del Gatto, 157½, Brooklyn, put away Randy Drew, 166, Harlem, in 2:57 of the fifth round. Drew was up and down like an elevator, but Del Gatto finally caught Randy with a right cross to the jaw which put him down for he count.

Sid Haber, 140, Brownsville, knocked out Orlando Ferrara, 133½, Stamford, in 1:02 of the first round. Billy Cooper, 164½, Cleveland, won an easy six-round duke over Dave Carver, 165½, Harlem. In the opening four, Freddie Bernhardt, 136, Akron, Ohio, won a slam-bang bout from Hubert Winfield, 130½, Brooklyn. Bernhardt was on the deck once and Winfield hit the canvas twice in this bout.

Robert Buddy Garcia, 138, Galveston, made a successful debut at the White Plains Center, when he succeeded in knocking out the local favorite, Vic Pignataro, 138½, the Bronx, in 1:04 of the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round main event. Buddy scored a nine-count knock-down in the second round and a seven-count knockdown in the sixth before putting his man away with a terrific left hook. It was a sensational win.

Jimmy Saunders, 126½, the Bronx, threw too many punches for Tony Ferry, 126, of Fall River, and won the decision at the end of six fast rounds. Billy Johnson, 164, Wilmington, N. C., was given the duke over Freddie Beadle, 163, Harlem, in another six-round bout. It looked like Beadle all the way and the crowd set up an awful yowl when Johnson was declared the winner. Ben Russ, 171, Newark, defeated Norman Hawes, 174½, Harlem, in the opening six-round bout. In fours, Eric Best, 156, Brooklyn, proved the best between Clarence Wilkinson, 161, Bronx, and Nick Primiani, 139½, Montreal, threw too many for Ellis Simley, 137½, winning the unanimous decision.

Joe Baksi, 210½, Kulpmont, Pa., coal miner, came back in Madison Square Garden and atoned for a recent defeat at the hands of Tami Mauriello, by decisively whipping Lou Nova, 200½, Alameda, Calif., in ten rounds before a gathering of 14,094 persons who paid $46,394. Nova started well enough, but petered out as the bout went along. Baksi showed his usual aggressive style and punched Nova at will toward the close of the contest.

For the first six rounds it was a nip and tuck affair with little to choose between them. Every time Baksi led, Nova would counter with a beautifully timed right cross to the chin which bothered the Pennsylvania Pole no little. Whenever Lou elected to lead, Baksi went to pieces. In the fourth round, with Nova out in front, Baksi charged in, delivering a short right cross followed by a light left hook to the body which spun Lou around and deposited the latter on the canvas. The left hook looked like a push, but Lou decided to take a count of nine, removing all doubt as to whether or not Baksi had scored a knockdown.

Nova suffered a cut over his left eye which bothered him considerably. Jimmy Johnston, veteran fight pilot, did the best he could with not much material to work with. Nova had been known to quit under pressure, but with the handicap of a badly cut optic, he tried his best. No

doubt, the horsewhipping of Jimmy Johnston had a lot to do with this.

At the start of the seventh, Baksi bore in continually, forcing Nova to beat a hasty retreat. Joe, however, would not be denied and piled in, scoring at will on Nova, who did not seem to have his heart in the fight. In the ninth and tenth rounds Baksi chased the tiring Lou all over the place, but could not put over a finishing blow. At the end of the ninth, Referee Ruby Goldstein went to Nova's corner to inspect the damage to Lou's eye, but permitted Nova to continue.

Charley Smith, 136¼, Newark, whipped the highly touted Detroiter, Emmett Grier, who weighed in at 135, in a six-rounder. Grier was a great disappointment, as he couldn't or wouldn't open up during the entire six rounds. In a six-round bout that followed the main event, Davey Feld, 167½, Brooklyn, punched out a decision over Amado Rodriguez, 171¼, of Mexico. Victor Flores, 124½, Mexico, scored a technical knockout over Lou Alter, 134, Montreal, in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round bout. Flores was far in the lead when the contest was stopped by the Commission doctor at the end of the fourth round.

In another six, Leo Romanello, 144¼, Brooklyn, pounded out a win over Joey Manfro, 140¾, the Bronx. Manfro was dropped for counts in the first and third rounds, remaining down for nine on each occasion. Manfro swapped it out with his busier opponent and gave Romanello quite a busy night of it, before Leo was declared the winner. This bout made a great hit with the crowd. Nick Primiani, 134¼, Montreal, came from behind to score a knockout over Carl Olson, 134¾, New Haven, in 2:14 of the third round in the scheduled four-round opening contest.

Freddie Russo, 131, Rahway, N. J., knocked out Georgie Harper, 127½, Brooklyn Negro, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round main event at the Ridgewood Grove. Russo never did give his opponent a chance to get set and won every round prior to the finishing punch, a left hook delivered with terrific force to the pit of the stomach. This was Russo's 46th professional start without a defeat.

Billy Graham, East Side lightweight, defeated Jeff Holloway, Augusta, Ga., in another eight-round contest. Graham now boasts of a string of 54 professional bouts without a loss. Both boys weighed in at 138 pounds. In a third eight-rounder, Pat Scanlon, 138, Ozone Park, outpointed Ruby Kessler, 141½, Coney Island, in a fiercely-fought contest. Kessler entered the ring a favorite at odds of 2½ to 1, but before the fight was two rounds old, Ruby realized that he was in for a rough evening. Scanlon's victory was very popular with the crowd.

In three four-round bouts, Jay Anderson, 149½, knocked out Teddy Wilson, 150, Harlem, in four rounds and Vinnie Melito, 133, East Side, punched out a win over Marcus McCrea, 133, New York, in a fast brawl. McCrea was floored three times for counts of nine in three different rounds (the second, third and fourth), but managed to go the distance. The opening four saw Julie Cross, 151, Brooklyn, win over Georgie Bass, 144½, New York.

Freddie Schott, 208, of Akron, Ohio, boosted his unbeaten string to the 36 mark when he succeeded in knocking out Roberto Ramirez, 186½, Mexico City, in 2:13 of the third round in the feature event scheduled for ten rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena. Ramirez did not offer much opposition as he danced around his heavier foe for the first two rounds. In the third round Schott went to work on his adversary and early in the round the Mexican was staggered by a right cross to the jaw. Schott followed this up with another right which sent Roberto on his back to the canvas. In falling, the Mexican's head struck the canvas with a solid thud and he was unable to rise before Referee Benny Leonard completed the count of ten.

In the semi-final, a newcomer by the name of Vincent Jones, 152½, Tampa, made a great hit with the crowd as he punched his way to a two-round kayo victory over Walter LaMarr, 152, Philadelphia. Jones never did stop punching and finally put over a right to the jaw after 2:43 of the second round. Johnny Bo Harris, 141, East Side, won a close duke over Tommy Mills, 139, Valley Stream, in another six-round contest. Mills was down for nine in the fourth round.

Julie Bort, 142, Brooklyn, whipped Pete Martin, 148, the Bronx, in a fast six-round encounter. Jim Neville, 211, Elizabeth, N. J., scored a three-round technical knockout over Johnny Davis, 187, Brooklyn. The referee called a halt after 2:06 of round three. In the opening four, Freddie Bernhardt, 136, Akron, Ohio, punched out a win over Jimmy Saunders, 130, the Bronx. Saunders made a great finish, but not enough to erase the early lead piled up by the hard-working Bernhardt. A crowd of 3,145 people paid $5,416 to witness the bouts.

The White Plains Community Center drew the largest crowd in its history when more than 7,000 people came out to see two neighborhood rivals, Vinnie LaSalva of Mt. Vernon and Pete DeRuzza of Mamaroneck, fight. LaSalva romped off with the unanimous decision, getting seven rounds from each of the three officials. DeRuzza did not perform up to par and proved a big disappointment to his followers. He was far off color. LaSalva weighed 147½, DeRuzza, 153½.

In six-round contests, Joey Gambaro, 145, Puerto Rico, punched out a win over the veteran, Johnny Rinaldi, 143, the Bronx. Clarence "Cotton" King, 136½, Okeechobee, Fla., defeated Herbie Solomon, 135¾, New York. Dom Youvella, 163, Poughkeepsie, trounced Freddie Graham, 157, New York. In fours, Tony Mancuso, 146½, a likely looking youngster from Montreal, defeated Georgie Bass, 144½, New York, and Rocco Lescio, 141, New York, a hard-hitting southpaw, flattened Ellis Simley, 139, New York, in 2:58 of the first round.

Phil Palmer, 140½, of Vancouver, B.C., engaged in his twenty-third straight bout without a defeat when he outpunched Solomon Stewart, 146, of Providence, in the feature bout of eight rounds at the Broadway Arena. Stewart proved a stubborn foe as he bore in and unflinchingly took an unceasing pummelling at the hands of Palmer. In the final round, Palmer connected with a terrific right swing that dropped his game Negro opponent for a count of three, but Stewart got up and lasted the distance. The decision was unanimous. Referee Jed Gahan and Judge John Potter voted all eight rounds for Palmer, while Judge Anthony Lazanski ruled seven to Palmer and one even.

In the semi-final, scheduled for eight rounds, Vic Costa, 145½, of Fordham, registered an upset when he connected with a hard right to the chin to put away Milton Kessler, 143¾, Coney Island, in 2:49 of the fifth round. Mario Colon, 129½, Puerto Rico, came through with a win over Al Pennino, 125, of Brooklyn, in a closely-waged eight-round bout. Colon proved too experienced for the willing Pennino. Fernand Demers, 150, of Montreal, licked Tommy Gargano, 148½, Brooklyn, in a six-round bout. Johnny Hitt, 141, Coney Island, made a hit with the crowd when he knocked out Joey Neil, 136, Albany, N. Y., forcing Referee Jed Gahan to call a halt to the uneven contest after 2:02 of the first round.

Tony Janiro made a very favorable impression on St. Nicholas Arena fans when he succeeded in scoring a four-round knockout victory over Humberto Zavala of Mexico. This was the first show under Mike Jacobs at the $6.00 tops rate. Due to the circus coming to town, Uncle Mike has decided to bring better names to the St. Nick's with a slight hitch to the admission price. That this idea is going to be a success was brought out by the fact that they paid off on close to $15,000 ($14,980 to be exact).

Janiro displayed punching ability in the opening round as he outpunched his Mexican opponent in some furious rallies. Midway in the second round, Janiro connected with a beautifully-timed right counter which opened a severe cut over Zavala's left eye. The damaged optic caused the game Mexican no end of trouble as blood poured down and hampered his attack.

In the third round, the fiery Mexican had the crowd cheering wildly as he scored with flurries of punches, but the eye was getting worse as the bout progressed. Referee Arthur Donovan inspected the damaged eye at the end of the third round and called Dr. William H. Walker to examine the wound. Dr. Walker permitted the bout to continue and Zavala tore out in the fourth in a do-or-die effort.

Midway in the round, Janiro connected with some nicely-timed punches that aggravated the injury forcing Referee Donovan to step in and call a halt to the uneven contest. Time, 2:33 of the fourth round. Janiro weighed 140. Zavala, 137¾.

Johnny Lawer, 156, Cleveland, was too strong for Danny Aldridge, 166, Newark, in a six-round bout that went on after the main event. George Dennis, 213½, West Side, had too much ambition for Bob Harris, 216½, Columbia, S. C., in a six-round mauling affair. Billy Johnson, 165, Wilmington, S. C., punched too often for Ted Gordon, 162¾, the Bronx, winning a close award at the end of six rounds. In four-round contests, Leo Melito, 130, East Side, was the winner over Earl Mintz, 129½, Jersey City, while Clarence Wilkinson, 162, the Bronx, got the duke over Vince Gigante, 163, Greenwich Village.

Harold Green, 156, Brownsville's challenger for welterweight honors, scored a four-round knockout over Larney Moore, 149, Valley Stream, L.I., in the scheduled eight-round main event at the Ridgewood Grove. Green seemed a bit off in his timing, but once he found the range, it was curtains for Moore. Moore was down three times in the fourth round. Mike Konnors, 131, West Side, had little trouble whipping Manuel Torres, 135, Puerto Rico, in a fast six-round bout. Georgie Knox, 126, Newark featherweight, proved too experienced for Billy Carroll, 128 (Carol Galichon), of Montreal, Can., in another six-round contest.

Ben Russ, 169, Atlantic City, made short work of the elongated Neal Stokes, 166, Detroit, Mich., putting over a right to the jaw midway of the third round. Stokes had given a pretty good account of himself until he ran into the finishing blow. Tony Mancuso, 145½, Montreal prospect, looked good in winning a four-round duke over Georgie Lent, 141, New York. In another four, Tony De Rosa, 150, New York, proved too experienced for Lou Valles, 151½, Brooklyn. Valles looked fair, considering that this was his debut as a professional boxer.

A doubting Thomas was brought back for a return go against his former knockout conqueror, Billy Grant of Orange, N. J., in the main event of eight rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena. John Thomas proved he had good reason to question Grant's previous victory as he went on to outpoint Billy in a hectic fray. Thomas, who hails from Miami, Fla., slugged it out with his harder punching rival throughout the eight rounds.

Johnny piled up a nice lead in the first three rounds, but then Grant started to "hit on all six." During the sixth and seventh rounds it appeared that Thomas was on his way out as Grant scored with terrific right hand smashes. Grant succeeded in opening a bad gash over the left eye of Thomas and Referee Jack Appel went to Thomas' corner at the end of the sixth round to inspect the extent of damage. Appel decided to let the bout continue and Grant took the seventh round by a wide margin.

In the eighth, Thomas took the play away from Grant and this proved the deciding factor. Thomas weighed 180¼, Grant 174.

Col. Eddie Eagan's system of point scoring came in for quite a bit of criticism as the officials' score cards were read off to the crowd. Referee Jack Appel scored it four rounds to each, but awarded the bout to Thomas on aggressiveness and superior punching. When Appel's score card was counted by points, it was discovered that he had Grant ahead 13 to 12.

Now Commissioner Eagan's rules specifically state that when rounds tally up even, points should be counted and the bout given to the man who scores the most points. Appel gave the sensible verdict, but according to the point system he was all wet. As stated at the head of this column, this point system of scoring is too complicated, so why not just let it go by rounds and use just plain common sense in judging.

Col. Eagan was out of town this night, probably on his way to Buffalo to give a lecture on how to score by points. From the way events turned out, he "should've stood in New York." Our local officials need teaching under his new system. Our officials have called them correctly in the past, why not let well enough alone. Judge Aidala gave the first round to Grant, yet under the point system gave one point to each fighter. On points he scored it six to five for Thomas.

Aidala voted five rounds to Thomas and three for Grant.

Judge George LeCron also ruled it five rounds for Thomas and three to Grant.

As the ruling goes, the decision was unanimous for Thomas. A draw should have been the correct ruling.

In the eight-round semi-final, Jim Neville, 206, Elizabeth, N. J., overcame a nine-second knockdown in the second round to win a decision over Edward (Buddy) Moore, 205, Harlem. Moore was down for nine in the seventh round. Frank Hardeman, 139½, Atlanta, Ga., won a six-round duke over Jimmy Mason, 131, New Brunswick, N. J. Hardeman is better known as Baby Beau.

Diogenes Leon, 124¾, Puerto Rico, punched out a win over Charley Noel, 126, Brooklyn, in the opening six-round bout. In the opening four, Jay Anderson, 148½, a likely looking prospect from Far Rockaway, L. I., slammed out a win over Lou Spurdis, 149¼, East Side. 3,972 people attended the bouts and contributed towards a gate of $8,383.

Joey LaMotta, 151¾, kid brother of the well-known Jake, scored his tenth professional victory when he put the quietus on Baudelio Valencia, 156, Mexico City, in 1:45 of the third round of a scheduled six-round bout, at the Westchester County Center. Valencia had gone the distance with LaMotta in a previous bout. Clarence (Cotton) King, 135½, West Palm Beach, outpointed Max Gonzales, 135½, Puerto Rico, in a fast six-round go. Fernand Demers, 150½, Montreal, went to a draw with Jimmy Mills, Newark. J. C. Wilkins, 162½, New York, won a sixer by a wide margin from Billy Johnson, 167½, Wilmington, N. C. Bobby Henry, 130, New York, whipped Tony Ferry, 128, Fall River, in another six. In the opening four, Nick Primiani, 135½, Montreal, knocked out Jackie Savino, 137, Jamaica, L. I., in 2:52 of the second round.

Henry Jordan, 145, Philadelphia Negro, upset the highly favored Jerry Fiorello, 156, Bensonhurst, in the feature event of eight rounds at the Broadway Arena before a capacity gathering. Fiorello entered the ring a 1 to 3 favorite and did not put forth his usual showing. Jordan consistently beat Jerry to the punch and never was in danger. The decision was unanimous. Referee Johnny McAvoy and Judge Sam Cohen each voted six rounds to Jordan and two for Fiorello. Judge Sam Robinson gave Jordan seven and Fiorello one.

In the semi-final eight-rounder, Al Pennino, 125½, Brooklyn, atoned for a defeat a week ago at the hands of Mario Colon, 129½, Puerto Rico. The bout started slow and increased in tempo as the boys warmed up. At the end of the sixth round, both boys ignored the bell and traded punches for a full half minute before they could be separated. Pennino's win proved very popular.

In sixes, Carol Galichon (Billy Carroll), 127¾, Montreal, trounced Earl Mintz, 127¾, Jersey City. Tony Del Gatto, 158½, Brooklyn, trimmed Lew Perez, 155, Puerto Rico, in a well-fought bout. In fours, Freddie Lott, 165½, Newark Negro, knocked out Lou Denton, 161, Reading, Calif. (Denton was unable to continue after the first round.) Steve Bilko, 141¾, Sayreville, N. J., also accounted for a kayo when Jerry Pura, 147, Greenwich Village, could not answer the bell for round three.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOXING NEWS

By PVT. TOM EPHREM

Somewhere in Italy

IN ITALY—Boxing in the area of Florence is about to take place. Information on this comes from Pfc. Bernie Cady, pro southpaw heavyweight from Washington, D. C., one of the Fifth Army's 1944 boxing representatives, who intends to be active on the fight cards after duty hours. Another Fifth Army soldier, Bobby Berry, pro light-heavyweight and winner of the 1944 Algiers meet, will be tossing leather there since the Clevelander is often seen in Florence. Cady in his last bout fought to a draw with the South African champion, Soldier Spaaz. This was Berry's third fight since competing in Algiers, a year ago.

(SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND)—Cpl. Johnny Plesha, with a General Hospital in England, met his brother Tony, also serving with the U. S. Forces Overseas, and you can well imagine the happy feelings when brothers get together. Both are former boxers, Tony has an outstanding amateur record.

Johnny, the bigger of the two, met Jimmy Slavins when both were competing as simon-pures. Johnny enjoyed a seven day furlough in London and visited the famous "Rainbow Corner," and also saw Cpl. Billy Conn engage in a boxing exhibition with Bill Dirks.

(SOMEWHERE IN ITALY)—Pfc. Walter Tallman, a former member of my hospital unit, now in a replacement center in Italy, wrote that he received his December issue of THE RING Magazine, and was swamped by his pals who tried to get it from him. But Walter stubbornly resisted all efforts to have the boxing bible taken away until he completed reading it.

(MASCOT, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA)—My family and I offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Tom Marshall, my Australian friend, for his wonderful message and card of sympathy in re my beloved brother, Vic Ephrem, killed in France.

(ROME, ITALY)—Larry Cisneros, popular and likable California welterweight contender who is with the Fifth Army in Italy, is doing special service duty in Rome and his job is associated with boxing. Larry turned down his coming furlough in order to accept the transfer which enables him to do work with which he is most familiar.

(BARI, EAST ITALY)—Allied boxing supremacy between the 12th AFSC and 15th AAF remained unsettled as the two teams battled feverishly before a crowd of fight faithfuls, who likewise had the privilege of seeing just about the cream of the fistic crop in all Italy. The 12th, big favorites to trim their rivals, staged a rally in order to insure themselves of a draw.

Two upsets were scored in which Pvt. Mike Montanino and George "Baby Dutch" Culbertson lost, Montanino lost out to an Italian Sailor, Francesco Bavaro, a small-sized middleweight, but tough. Bavaro was the better ring general and also outfought the Brooklynite Vinnie Rossano. It was Montanino's first bout in 3 months, and that can explain his rustiness.

Culbertson, highly regarded, especially by Joe Louis, was forced to play second fiddle to Pvt. Gene Jones, of the 15th squad, as is Bavaro. Culbertson is reputedly a hard socker, as Joe Louis testified. The World's Heavyweight King said Culbertson, hit him harder than anyone while on his tour. Which makes the win for Jones an exceedingly cherished one.

LAC Tommy McGovern, 147, fighting for the 12th, won on points from Emilio Morri; LAC Jacobus Van Der Klashorst, 112, 15th AAF, beat Pvt. Pietro Ramieri, 111; Royal Marine Ronald Burr, 126, 12th, was too good for Pvt. Bill Dunbney, 128, 15th.

Pvt. Leon Haire, 135, 12th, an outstanding pro lightweight from St. Louis, Missouri, defeated Sapper Brown, 142, 15th; Pvt. Dixie Fleming, 142, 12th, scored over Pvt. Guisseppe Zini, 143, 15th, with a decision; Pvt. Eddie Hammons, 160, 15th, nodded Pvt. Jimmy McGowan, 162, 12th; Pvt. Eddie O'Neal (gaining weight) now at 160, 12th, outpointed a promising Italian lad, Pvt. Pino Facchi, 155, 15th; and Pvt. Willie Jackson, 175, 15th, bested Pvt. Curtis Moret, 179, 12th, to tie up the score.

(GERMANY)—Pvt. Bill Lewington, of Roslyn Heights, Long Island, New York, received his RING magazines that THE RING Editor, Nat Fleischer, sent him through this here corner. The boxing bible is going from pal to pal, and is in great demand by the boys. Young Lewington is with General Patton's forces.

(SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC)—Former RING correspondent Don Hamill, the ole Connecticut correspondent, saw Tony Fernandez win the sectional welterweight title from Ray Powell. Every week or so, the *Auburn* has its smokers, and Don is enthused at the prospects he has seen aboard the ship. He names three—Catarius, a Boston light-heavyweight; a youngster from Brazil named Cisco, and a Louisville, Kentucky, Negro lad, Perkins.

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NOTES ON BOXING IN WALES

By SGT. JOHNNY SALAK

RONNIE JAMES, British Lightweight Champion, continues winning. Recently he took a close decision from the wild-swinging, hard-hitting Dick Shields. Ronnie then easily beat Cyril Wills on March 20. . . . Dick Shields headlined the show on February 19, taking a doubtful eight-round decision from Harry Lazar. Many thought that Lazar earned a draw.

Tommy Plowright, highly rated bantam, caught a little Tartar in Jackie Hughes in the semi-final. Hughes suffered a deep mouth cut in the second round and though bleeding badly through seven rounds continually bored in to walk off with a well-earned, clean cut decision. . . . Norman Lewis, world flyweight contender and Darkie Davis, passing through town, seconded the Plowright-Hughes encounter.

Max Schmeling, reported killed in action several times, is broadcasting from Germany to front-line Allied troops to surrender. . . . Andre Lenglet, French heavyweight who fought in the States from 1936 to 1938, has been found guilty of collaboration with the Nazis and has been sentenced to five years of hard labor. . . . Billeted here with me, is Sgt. Jay Robinson, Peoria, Ill., heavyweight, who fought Otis Thomas, Max Marek, Young Stuhley and other Mid-West heavies. Jay's brother, Harry Robinson, a combat engineer, lost his life in the Solomon Island assaults. He was heavyweight champion of the 27th Division. Their father, Mike Robinson, known in the ring as Midge Turney, was a flyweight contender, pre-World War I vintage.

The professional boxing shows are promoted by Lossie Sherman and G. Stafford Reynolds. . . . Sherman took Albert Bonds over to the States to fight Petey Scalzo in the Polo Grounds for the finals of the amateur championships several years ago, Bonds winning. . . . Having gone in for another type of fighting, Bonds is now a British paratrooper sergeant and was at the memorable and bloody Arnheim engagement. . . . Another veteran of the Arnheim campaign, Sgt. Gwynn Williams, who has been winning his fights consistently, was to have featured the next show opposing Joe Orsatelli, middleweight champion of the Free French navy. Due to injuries sustained by both fighters in training the card was postponed. . . . Sgt. Cyril Gallie, rising young welterweight of Wales, is a boy worth watching. Seven months ago he turned pro and in his first fight had Harry Lazar as his opponent. Gallie did a masterful job of putting Lazar away in eight rounds. In that fight he sprained his right wrist and though he has fought and won four more bouts against tough competition he is temporarily shelved. A few weeks will see him in action again.

Nel Tarleton's defeat of Al Phillips in a 15 round featherweight championship fight at Manchester on February 23, accomplished a feat that sent boxing enthusiasts scurrying to their record books and racing through their minds in an attempt, that failed, to uncover a similar occurrence. The morning after the bout the question on the lips of all sports fans was "Has anyone ever won two Lonsdale Belts at the same weight before Tarleton?" Old-time fighters argued vociferously that nothing like that ever happened before while aged writers shook their heads and claimed that somewhere in the distant past someone beat Tarleton to the trick. Fight by fight, they went over the careers of Jimmy Wilde, Jimmy and Boyo Driscoll, Freddie Welsh and a score of others that day. There were none. The two-score-years-old Mr. Tarleton had placed himself in a class by himself.

The Crosswords Boxing Tournament was a good opportunity to compare the amateurs of this country with ours. . . . The youngsters, all cadets training for army careers under the able guidance of Lt. Col. E. Swarbrick, are taught their boxing in the straight left school of Tommy Farr. They use more caution and cunning and the incentive to carry the fight or try for a knockout is left to the adversary which doesn't always lead to a "bloody good" fight but then prize-fighting is a science. . . . There is nothing on the scale of our country-wide Golden Gloves but Wales, the home of great fights and great fighters, sees that practically every youngster knows how to use his fists in the manly art of self-defense from the time he is old enough to stand.

Boyo Driscoll, the old-time British champion and holder of a Lonsdale belt, is now an evangelist. . . . William E. (Billy) Allen, venerable boxing and rugby expert and sports editor of the South Wales *Echo*, the walking encyclopedia of Welsh sports, has been my guide to the sports world during my stay Somewhere in Wales.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND—Sal Puzza, Clifton High student who won the Newark *Evening News* Golden Glove 118-pound title, then went on to the final of the Eastern Golden Gloves and later returned to win the New Jersey State 118-pound title.

Paterson started its 1945 boxing season with Bobby Ruffin meeting Pat Demers. Local boxing fans mourn the death of Joseph Braddock, father of former world's heavyweight champion, who died at the age of seventy.

Local boxers appeared in out of town rings with the following results: Tony Riccio drew with Pat Grondans, Steve Dudas outpointed Fernando Menichelli, Earl Mintz lost to Billy Carroll and was stopped by Johnny Cool, Steve Brogan stopped Bob Smith, Walter Stanback outpointed Billy Ellison, Dom Amoroso whipped Bobby Smith, Reedy Evans outpointed Johnny Lawer, Rudy Griscombe was stopped by Al Davis, Bob Esterita outpointed Johnny Land, George Segura was stopped by Archie Coles, Joe Reddick K.O.'ed Jimmy Hayden and outpointed Freddy Wilson, Jimmy Mazzio was stopped by George Doty, Billy Grant K.O.'ed Ed John Thomas and Georgie Parks.

Steve Borgan whipped Dave Carver, Freddy Schott K.O.'ed Roberto Lotario Ramirez, Walt Stanbach lost to Solly Zalter.

Best prospect of the month—Roy Rogers, Englewood lightweight, who is a clever boxer and a stiff puncher.

Results for the month, Jersey Gardens, Mar. 13—Jimmy Mulligan, 170, Boston Southpaw, T.K.O.'ed Bob Wade, 166, Newark, 4. Mulligan was down four times before the fight was stopped due to a cut under Wade's eye. Jimmy Palmer, 148, New York, upset Joe Blackwood, 154, Paterson, 6; Frank Pucci, 116, Toronto, K.O.'ed Mike Crouchelli, 124, Union City, 2; George Segura, 164, North Bergen, K.O.'ed Leroy Smith, 170, Brooklyn, 1; Sal Giglio, 135, New York, K.O.'ed Frank Falni, 133, North Bergen, 3.

Mar. 20—Joe Curcio, 147, Newark Southpaw, outpointed Jerry Fiorello, 155, Brooklyn, 10; Roy Rogers, 132, Hackensack, outpointed Orlando (Babe) Ferrara, 135, Stamford, Conn., 6; Eddie Beasley, 164, Paterson, outpointed Walter Cunningham, 158, Newark, 6; Pat DiMarco, 134, Brooklyn, outpointed Sal Giglio, 136, New York, 4; Billy Ellison, 143, Newark, K.O.'ed Ed Jimmy Cook, 145, Hackensack in 30 seconds of the first round.

Mar. 27—Tony Riccio, 145, Bayonne, and Pat Giordano, 144, Toronto, battled to a fast draw, 10; Steve Curley, 128, Toronto, K.O.'ed Ed Al Starling, 127, Nutley, 1; Ballesandro Carubia, 150, Long Island City, K.O.'ed Ed Dan Calcano, 154, Havana, Cuba, 2; Lem Hatchett, 149, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Ray King, 157, Long Island City, 2; Jimmy Jiminette, 139, Bayonne, outpointed Jimmy Bo, 133, Brooklyn, 4.

April 3—Jorge Morelia, 137, Mexico City, scored a major upset when he stopped Dom Amoroso, 134½, Jersey City, at the end of the ninth round. Frankie Franconeri, 134, Bayonne, and Orlando Ferrara, 131, Stamford, Conn., drew, 6; Mario Torris, 130, Puerto Rico, outpointed Roy Rogers, 128, Englewood, 6; Willie Markus, 130, Jersey City, outpointed Sylvester Williams, 126, Englewood, 4; Bob Garafolo, 142, Hackensack, K.O.'ed Chick Smith, 148, Newark, 3.

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SOUTH FLORIDA RING NOTES

By VELASQUES

VINCENT JONES, Tampa welter, stopped Henry Jordan in six rounds in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

At Jacksonville, Buddy Scott and J. D. Turner met for the fifth time and Scott received the decision after ten rounds of dull fighting.

At Miami, Dixie Lee Oliver was beaten by Bob Jacobs in ten rounds. Oliver, who had won eight straight bouts, won only the first and seventh rounds.

Nat Thomas, 135, Philadelphia, scored a T.K.O. over Willie Lee, 139, Miami.

At Miami—Jake Simmons, 133, Jacksonville, won from Otis Kendricks, 129, Miami in six rounds. Charley Goodman, 110, Miami, scored a T.K.O. over Phil Bailey, 114, Miami. George Wright, 98, Miami, lost to Ray Albury, 101, Miami, in four rounds.

At Miami—Hi Ho Silver took eight out of ten rounds to win easily over Sixto Morales. This was their third meeting and gives Silver two out of three. Billy Lima, the Cuban stopped Lloyd Thompson of Jacksonville in three rounds. Marcel Fournier won from Doug Lester in six rounds.

At Miami—David Junior won from Frankie Ross in eight rounds. Joey Angelo won from Harry Hitlian in eight rounds. Billy McIntire won from Tony Campo in six. Billy Nelson won over Marcel Fournier in six.

USSTAF BOXERS PERFORM FOR RUSSIAN OFFICERS

By PFC. MARK FANNON

ON one of the few occasions that people of the Soviet Union have seen American sportsmanship at its best, six high-ranking officers of the Russian Air Corps were guests of the American Red Cross at their first all-novice show of the year, held at the Rainbow Corner, London.

Before the show got under way, each officer was introduced and received a spontaneous round of applause. The GI's have not forgotten the part Russia has played in this war.

Sgt. Alexander explained the technical points of boxing to them as the show went on. A girl Red Cross volunteer worker also helped them understand the sport. They seemed very interested as they watched every move, asked questions about the seconds, referee, judges and the flexible boxing rules.

One of the Russian airmen climbed into the ring to give out the awards. Taking the microphone, he spoke for several minutes in Russian. Then Sgt. Alexander translated it.

The trophy for the best novice of the show went to S/1c John Plaskett of the Virgin Islands, a Negro boy. Billy Conn, Joe Molinari, the announcer, Siggie Lander, T/Sgt. Louis Antolini, judge, and Mark Fannon, judge, decided the trophy winner.

Plaskett, 141, had a tough customer in S/Sgt. Walter Fuchs, 138, of Chicago, a lad who was some novice. It is reputed that he has had 37 fights. Even so, Plaskett had plenty to offset the hard-hitting, wild-swinging Fuchs. There is practically no way of telling a novice over here. The fighter's word is the only record by which we can go.

In other bouts: S/1c James Nicholais, 124, Mount Clair, N. J., kayoed S/Sgt. James West, 120, Camden, N. J., in the first heat.

Pvt. Ernest Stephens, 139, Toledo, Ohio, stopped Pvt. Alfred Leport, 135, North Bergen, N. J., in round one.

Cpl. Sam Commedo, 137, Philadelphia, Negro, outpointed S/1c Jerry Sepates, 138, Buffalo, N. Y., in a hard-fought duel.

Sgt. Dragan Javicich, 150, Buffalo, N. Y., beat Pvt. Billy Collins, 147, St. Louis gamester.

Cpl. Raymond Vernon, 159, Blackstone, Va., came from behind to make Pfc. Almond James quit in the third.

Sgt. Charles Kirkland, 147, Greensburg, Pa., Negro, won a close one over hard-fighting Radioman 3rd Class Richard McIntyre, 145, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sgt. Thomas Kane, 156, Loraine, Ohio, stopped Pfc. Daniel Wenserki, 153, Chicago, in the first.

Cpl. Alonzo Stevens, 166, Little Rock, Ark., came from behind to beat Steward 2nd Class James Roby, 162, Gary, Ind. Both are Negroes. Roby looked like Al Brown and was built like him, while Stevens was a head shorter.

T/5 Walter Meyer, 180, San Jose, Cal., won over Seaman 1st Class Ray Outan, 190, Rockhill, S. C., in a comical three-rounder. Outan's trunks split open in the second which caused him some embarrassment.

Sgt. Art Tatta, that promising light-heavyweight from Hartford, Conn., before the war, has gone through plenty since D-Day, according to his manager, Cpl. "Babe" Marino. Tatta was on the first batch to hit the shores of Normandy on that memorable day. He has seen the worst of the fighting and has been wounded twice. He could have been sent back to the states, but he refused and rejoined his old outfit.

Sgt. Freddie Mills, the rugged British heavyweight, who wants to box in American rings, gave his last appearance in England when he slugged three hard rounds with Cpl. Leo Matriciani of Baltimore. Mills is scheduled to go on tour of the continent if plans are carried out. Leave it to fearless Freddie to give you action within ropes. For three rounds Leo and Freddie threw everything they had at each other. An exhibition doesn't mean anything to Mills and he puts his all into his work. They slammed each other with everything but the stool.

Ted Broadribb, Mills' pilot, refereed four of the bouts and did a swell job. Ted and Freddie have been most generous with their services for the Eighth Air Force.

In the feature bout of this great show (Eighth Air Force), held at Bury St. Edmunds, which was refereed by Billy Conn, Cpl. Tommy Carbonero, 157, Brooklyn, N. Y., won a close decision over Cpl. Paul Phaneuf, 152, Holyoke, Mass., after three hard-fought rounds.

Sgt. Jimmy Wade, 175, Birmingham, Mich., won the nod over T/5 Paul Williamson, 178, New York City, after three savage rounds.

Pfc. Johnny Ruth, 156, Philadelphia, came back strong in the third to edge past Pfc. George Yentzen, 153, Nederland, Texas. It was a good fight all the way.

Pfc. Harry Conroy, 150, Cleveland, Ohio, gave another sweet boxing exhibition when he won over Sgt. Al Deakin, 148, Providence, R. I. As usual there was a touch of class when Conroy answers the bell. He is a good clean, clever performer and gives the British a good impression of the best American type of boxing.

Pfc. Harry Miller, 166, Philadelphia, won his return bout over Pfc. Clarence Woods, 165, New York City. Harry wound up stronger than usual to clearly outpoint the Negro in a thriller.

Cpl. Alex Salazar, 136, Denver, Colo., fought his best fight to date by winning a tough, two-fisted battle over blond bulldog Pfc. James Noonan, 140, New Orleans, La. Noonan is a throwback to the old days. Built close to the floor and rough and tough, he was matched punch for punch by Salazar who was in fine shape and punching with short stiff jolts inside. Sgt. Mickey Cianci is doing a fine job with this boy.

Pfc. Fred McLauren, 143, Gary, Ind., looked good in defeating tough little S/Sgt. Pete Pierce, blond 146-pounder of South Bend, Ind. Pierce is a little heavy and can still make the lightweight mark. McLauren, a Negro, is much taller and uses a fast left hand. With all this against him, Pete made it a swell fight and put up a game stand, He wasn't able to hit Fred often enough to slow him up.

Pvt. Bob Charvot, 210, Cleveland, looked impressive in stopping Pfc. John Thelen, 190, Long Island, N. Y. One stiff left to the body doubled up the New Yorker. Billy Conn is trying to get Charvot to tour with him throughout the hospitals in England.

Cpl. Raymond Vernon, 159, Blackstone, Va., had to reach up to hit Pfc. Don Scala, 164, Cliffside, N. J., but won out through determination and gameness.

Sgt. Dragan Javicich, 146, Buffalo, stopped Santos Ramirez, 145, Medera, Calif., in the second.

Pvt. Vince Padilla, 125, Eighth Air Force, San Bernardino, Calif., nosed out Sgt. Primitivo Molina, Eighth Air Force, 121, Concord, Calif., in a hard-punching duel at Rainbow Corner. It was the best featherweight fracas seen in many moons. Molina was fighting his first match since last year's USSTAF championships, which he won. He had also been ETO bantamweight champ in 1943.

Padilla, in winning his sixth straight at the Corner, showed why he is a favorite in London by outpunching Molina, also a favorite here, in the final round. Molina began to tire while Vince stepped on the gas, side-stepped, circled and planted many well-placed lefts and rights to Molina's chin that told in the scoring.

Cpl. Tommy Carbonero, 164, Brooklyn, Eighth Air Force, whipped Sgt. William Carter, 167, Nashville, Tenn.

Tommy had trouble with the taller Negro boy in the first heat. But in the second and third Carter managed to last out, although he was pretty well used up at the bell.

Sgt. Charles Kirkland, 146, Negro, of Greensburg, Pa., won a dull bout over Cpl. Paul Phaneuf, 150, Holyoke, Mass.

Cpl. Bob Jurvis, 165, Eighth Air Force, Kenosha, Wis., came ahead in the final heat to beat Cpl. Alonzo Stephens, 166, Negro, of Little Rock, Ark.

Stephens gave Jurvis a lot of trouble with his bobbing and weaving.

Sgt. Al Deakin, 148, Providence, R. I., won by a knockout in the second over Pvt. Fred Workman, 145, Negro, of Dayton Beach, Fla., when Workman had to stop after the bell. Workman started strong but was soon over-powered by the hard-hitting Providence boy.

Sgt. Bill Dirks, 185, Cumberland, Md., whipped Pfc. Eddie Benson, 200, Brooklyn, in a three-rounder. Benson, fighting his second fight, is strong and willing but green.

Dirks, a Purple Heart holder, boxed Freddie Mills in an exhibition at the Queensberry Club a few nights later.

Cpl. Bobby "Liberator" Volk wiped out his outstanding loss in the ETO by whipping Pvt. "Wee Willie" Wright, Negro Youngstown, Ohio, middleweight, in a fight held at Sgt. Mickey Cianci's base. Out to keep his slate clean, Bobby clearly defeated his southpaw tormentor, who had previously won a close decision over him at Volk's own base.

Volk's only other loss had been to "King Tut" Tabor. But in a return go, Volk had squared accounts with him. A third and rubber match had been looked for ever since their last meeting. But now comes the bad news.

Upon his return from the Billy Conn tour, "Tut" was examined by the doctors and his eyes were found to be going bad, so this fine battler has been barred from further glove competition. That seems to end the fistic career of the Eighth Air Force and USSTAF middleweight champion.

Cpl. Leo (The Lion) Matriciani, Baltimore, USSTAF heavyweight titleholder, just returned after serving as sparring mate for Conn during his tour, climbed through the ropes for the first time this season and beat Wild Bill Mason, 210, Negro, of Detroit, in three rounds. No one has yet taken the measure of Leo in the ETO but there are a half-dozen heavies who would like to have a go with him.

Sgt. Aaron "Killer" Kahn, 173, USSTAF light-heavyweight champ, of Brooklyn, kept in the winning column by defeating Jack Wilson, 173, Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm, by a decision in three.

STRAY PUNCHES—The Eighth Air Force has lost two of their last year's champs to the infantry—Cpl. Harold Gary, heavyweight champ of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Pfc. Harry Miller, light-heavyweight titlist, of Philadelphia. . . . Jimmy Noonan, New Orleans, also is slated to join the infantry. . . . Vince Padilla stopped Spider Mullis in the third, a week before his Molina match. . . . Sgt. Joe Molinari is trying to get Sgt. Freddie Mills to tour the Eighth Air Force stations in conjunction with the regular fight shows. . . . Jerry Pecararo was given a beautiful cup for being the outstanding athlete of his station. . . . Sgt. Dragan Javicich, Buffalo, N. Y., who appeared in the all-novice show at Rainbow Corner, has won two more bouts. . . . A match between Joe Louis and Billy Conn for the heavyweight championship, as suggested by Nat Fleischer to be held in Berlin after the war, sounds like a good idea. It would not be good financially for the contestants but a fine thing for the battle-tired infantry men. . . . Sgt. Siggie Lander has replaced Cpl. Frank Marcella as referee at Rainbow Corner and is doing a nice job. . . . Frank has been transferred to France. . . . The Eighth Air Force championships will be held in about a month and the outcome should be a surprise in a few classes. . . . Bobby Volk should cop the middleweight laurels and the bantam title will be a toss-up between Porky Moreno and Primitivo Molina. . . . Lucignano should take the welters if he can make the weight, but the other classes will see new faces.

Pfc. Joe Lucignano, USSTAF welter champ, of Hoboken, N. J., was lucky to get the nod over aggressive Pfc. Herbie Williams, USSTAF lightweight champ, of New Orelans, La., in his first real test since his return from the Conn tour, in a match held at the Rainbow Corner. Lucignano, sporting a little more weight, outboxed Herbie in the first two frames. With speed and footwork and a straight left, Joe was able to outpoint the Negro flash as well as evade his dynamite. In the third, Joe, a little tired by the fast pace, caught a solid left to the eye that split the optic open. Encouraged by this, Herbie did not let Lucignano get out of range again and with a terrific two-fisted attack, left Joe tired and shaky at the bell—a big round for the New Orleans boy. Joe had piled up a slight lead in the first two frames, but Herbie's big third appeared to have earned him the nod. The decision to Lucignano was unpopular.

Cpl. Tommy Carbonero, 164, Brooklyn, N. Y., hit Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class L. S. Ross, 164, Alexandria, La., with everything he had but couldn't stop the sailor from coming in.

Tommy dropped Ross with a two-fisted barrage in the second, but Ross arose without a count. Again in the third, Ross sopped up a lot of punishment, but was coming in all the time. The decision went to Carbonero after a tough fight.

Cpl. Trinidad Marquez, 134, El Paso, Texas, scored his fifth victory in six starts at the Rainbow Corner by winning a close one over aggressive Pvt. Jesse Puente, 141, Merced, Calif., Eighth Air Force lightweight champ. In the second, Puente managed to get to Marquez's body and place some telling shots on the elusive boy. In winning his fifth and the bathrobe, Marquez looked tired and drawn at 134.

Pfc. Howard "Porky" Moreno, 118, Santa Barbara, Calif., Eighth Air Force bantam champ, in his first fight since returning from the Conn tour, won a hard-fought battle over Cpl. "Babe" LaButta, 121, Uniontown, Pa. LaButta had the edge in the first, but "Porky's" stiffer punching and better inside work kept him a shade ahead. His timing was off as a result of his boxing so many exhibitions. These two had met before during the USSTAF championships, Moreno having won that one also.

After losing three straight, Sgt. Al Deakin, 150, Providence, R. I., finally got on the winning side by taking a close brawl over Pvt. Joe Relich, 153, Eighth Air Force, Chicago mauler.

Deakin was dropped like a log almost with the first punch of the fight, a beautiful right to the jaw. Deakin got up without a count and came back strong in the last part of the round. There was little to choose between the two for the rest of the match which had the fans wild. Deakin's cleaner punching and great comeback satisfied the crowd.

Pvt. Jerry Pecararo, 125, N.Y.C., stretched his winning streak a little more by outboxing Sgt. Frank Pecararo, 130, a member of the fighting Pecararo family of Weymouth, Mass. They are not related.

Pfc. Clarence Woods, Negro, 167, N.Y.C., won by a last-round splurt when Pfc. Harry Miller, 167, Philadelphia, ran out of gas.

T/5 Paul Williamson, Negro, N.Y.C., 175, scored another knockout when he stopped T/4 Victor Gerber, in the third. Williamson doesn't seem to punch hard, but has stopped his last three opponents.

Pvt. Jerry Pecararo, 125, Manhattan, N. Y., USSTAF featherweight champ, came through in a close fight with Cpl. Sal Guajardo, 132, Detroit, Mich.

Cpl. Paul Phaneuf, 154, Holyoke, Mass., added another good win to his list by getting the duke over tricky Sgt. Bill Lockett, 152, Pittsburgh. Lockett was the smarter, but Phaneuf kept after the elusive Negro boy and made him fight.

Sgt. Jimmy Wade, 176, Birmingham, Mich., made a good start by stopping Seaman 1st Class John Orlick, of New York City, in 30 seconds.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

JAKE LAMOTTA, heavy-hitting New York Italian-Hebrew middleweight, weighing 157½ pounds, took the last bit of sweetness out of George "Sugar" Costner, in the time of 2:21 rounds of the sixth round in their scheduled ten-round Chicago Stadium windup. LaMotta was too rugged for Costner, who scaled 151½ pounds. In the sixth and fatal round for Costner, Jake connected with a murderous left hook to the chin, dropping "Sug" for a nine count. As the Cleveland Negro arose, LaMotta unleashed a vicious left hook to the jaw that ended the bout. In the fifth heat the sturdy Gothamite lashed at his lanky foe, with a steady barrage. More than 10,000 fans saw the fight and paid $45,485.

In the semi-final match, Johnny Bratton, classy Chicago Negro lightweight, won over Patsy Spataro, New York City 137¼-pounder, in a bristling eight-round tiff. Spataro is a splendid fighter who can be relied upon to give the fans a run for their dough.

Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee welterweight, surprised with a one-punch knockout victory over O'Neill Bell. Detroit, 146-pounder. Sherrer caught Bell coming in with one solid smash to the jaw that stretched the Detroiter out for the count.

Bill Parsons, hurricane welterweight from Danville, Illinois, took the measure of Frankie Abrams, Pittsburgh 144-pounder, in a torrid eight-round match. In practically every slugfest Parsons outgunned his aggressive foe in furious exchanges. The opening contest was abruptly ended in the first round, when Joey LaMotta, impressive looking welterweight brother of Jake, sprawled Al Jackson onto the deck with a mighty right-hand jolt.

Nate Bolden, Chicago Negro light-heavyweight astonished ring partisans with his celebrated knockout conquest of Walter (Popeye) Woods, in two rounds, at Baltimore, Maryland. Since then Nate has dropped a second verdict to Archie Moore of St. Louis, Mo., in the East. Freddie Hanson stopped Ernie Pettrone in Philadelphia.

Georgie White, a former pro welterweight in and around Chicago, who displayed agile talent as the third man in amateur contests, is in Italy—where he received the "Purple Heart" award.

Pete Petroskey, who was a tough Polish middleweight, some years ago, is promoting fights up in Muskegon, Michigan.

Gene Spencer kayoed George Clouchy in three rounds and beat Mike Gavino, in ten rounds there during the month of March.

Ted Christie, formerly of New York City, now residing in the Windy City, trekked over to Detroit, and whipped Mickey Quack, (no wise crack, please).

Jimmy Crow, a Danville, Ill., pro middleweight, now in Army service, was one of the few survivors of the "Belgian Bulge." Jimmy lost his boxing equipment and figures to retrieve it in Berlin.

In Milwaukee recently, Charley Parham knocked out our own Pvt. Savior Canadeo—three rounds, and Alvin (Bevil) Gomez beat Doll Rafferty in five rounds of terrific action.

Diminutive, but fiery Robert Fowler, who was the 8 to 5 underdog in his match with O'Neill Bell, Detroit welterweight, beat him at the Marigold Gardens. One of his swings dropped O'Neill for the count of nine in the third heat and from there on in it was a nip and tuck affair. As you probably surmise—Fowler won.

Eddie Lander, home on furlough from the Navy, stopped A. C. Lee, Indianapolis, Ind., 130-pounder, in round five of a scheduled six-round fray.

Jerry Pittro, smarting under a previous eight-round drubbing at the hands of Freddie Dawson, came back in a whirl against Robert Weatherly, Southside Negro welterweight and sprawled him out with one mighty heave in round one of their slated four-round affair.

Billy Sparks, Indianapolis featherweight came from behind and put away Nick Kacharadus, young Chicagoan, in the fourth and final session.

And in the opening bout, Luther Brent stopped George Taylor, Waukegan 150-pounder in round one.

Although only pint-size in appearance as compared with the gangling stature of Collins Brown, Bill Parsons, Danville, Ill., clouter, made up for this with the use of his famed "round-house" slashes. Just plain tough! This was a ten-round Marigold headliner.

Ted Christie, veteran New York City featherweight, took the measure of Butch Maxwell, Muskegon, Michigan, 130-pounder via the T.K.O. route in round two. Art Brown, rugged South Side Negro 148-pounder, delivered the kayo potion to Al Jackson, Chicago, in round three of their four-round fray.

Robert Weatherly, Chicago welterweight stopped the oft-beaten Vic Soyko in the third round; and Nick Kachardus, Chicago, put the crusher on Ralph Balkin, Muskegon, Michigan—two rounds.

Eddie Lander, after his furlough returned to his base. Bill Parsons has defeated among others Bobby Richardson, Tommy James, Jimmy Hunt (twice), Collins Brown, Frankie Abrams and Mike Sopko.

Hubert Hood, tough heavyweight belonging to Lou Raziendo of the Catholic Youth Organization, beat Willie Barrows, St. Louis, Mo., heavyweight, in the opening session of their slated ten-round fiasco—Hood hooked Barrows with his left, Willie taking a short count, arising, and then going down without being hit—result—another one of the many disqualifications of this nature prevalent much too often.

Frankie Abrams, Pittsburgh 144-pounder, dropped Dan Robinson (twice), in five rounds and won the bout.

Melvin Bartholomew connected with Jimmy Martin's jaw and emerged with a worthy four-round kayo. Bud Hershey, Indianapolis welterweight, was slow in getting started but gained sufficient momentum in order to stop Al (Try Hard) Jackson in the third canto.

Bob Satterfield opened the Marigold show with a one-round chilling of Young Mitchell—light-heavyweights.

A tragedy involving volunteer pachydermists from Chicago, who were in flight overseas with a United Service Organization Unit. Benny Rueben, middleweight, Gay Young, George Mack, Jack Ross, Kid Chapman, and Al Sabath—all lost their lives when an Army transport plane crashed en route from England to Paris on March 9.

Corp. Phil Saeli, a good welterweight, has just returned from Australia. Phil narrowly escaped death in a jeep explosion. He was the only survivor and suffered a concussion and a hand injury. Saeli, besides these injuries, has contracted a case of malaria—Speedy recovery to you, Phil.

Pvt. Vito Rizzo, a good lightweight prospect from Chicago, has already engaged in the major battles of Africa, Italy and France. Incidentally the above two mentioned soldiers are fighters belonging to Jimmy Christopher, whose son, Jimmy Jr., has just been inducted into service.

Tony Musto is rounding into shape—Musto's services can be contracted through Yours Truly.

Collins Brown and Buddy Rose met for a third time—each having won one bout. Collins gained a six-round victory. They were slated to do battle for ten sessions. Incidentally, Brown floored Buddy (twice), before putting him away for keeps.

Nick Stenson, Cincinnati, lightweight, was too strong for Marvin Bartholomew, New Orleans, La., 137-pounder, in their five-round semi-attraction, at the Marigold Gardens weekly show.

Robert Ellis, Chicago welterweight dealt out a neat pasting to Walter Halbo of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in four rounds.

Bob Weatherly ended his bout with Dick Czernick of Milwaukee, in round two.

The opener found Frank Green in a comeback. Green, weighing 182 pounds, won on a disqualification from Cy Ellison, Chicago, 194-pound Negro. The same ole' repetition—Green floored Ellison, who started to take a count—got up—Ho-Hum—went down again and was immediately disqualified.

Yours Truly, Gene Engel, can be reached at his home address at 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois. How about additional news regarding Chicago and Illinois boxers in service—will publish same.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

TERRY "RED CAP" COOPER, at 140 pounds, is getting offers from quite a few Eastern boxing promoters. Terry is a preliminary boy as yet, with just five pro fights, but his willingness to go in throwing punches, makes him a favorite with the fans.

Joe "Monty" Monteiro, 128 pounds, is back from New York, where he visited for a few weeks, and worked out at a gym there. He is now ready to get down to business and fight regularly.

St. Paul, the sensational young middleweight, surprised the fans of the Valley Arena, Holyoke, by his easy victory over the highly touted Berlie Lanier, in ten rounds.

Lige Drew of Springfield, Mass., is boxing semi-weekly at the Valley Arena, and drawing good crowds. His last bout with Ralph Zannelli of Boston, was a close affair.

Jimmy Hayden, middleweight, who signed a contract to fight for the writer, then quit the manager, is having tough going.

Eddie Mack and Jack O'Brien are putting on good boxing shows in Boston, and are packing them in. Tony Petro vs. Larry Bolvin fight was a humdinger.

Joe DeMaria, matchmaker of the Valley Arena, visited New York, in search of talent for the coming spring shows. He will also do the matchmaking for the new outdoor club that will run this summer at Holyoke.

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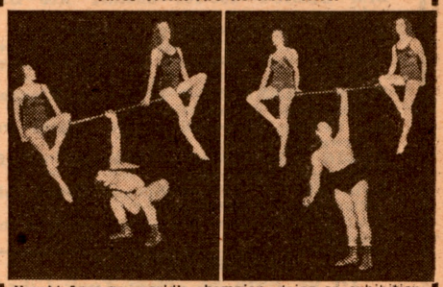

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By NAT FLEISCHER

Carl W. Heinmiller, Captain, Infantry

Recently during a Regimental boxing contest in which two battalions were striving for the win, two unusual incidents occurred. As there are always many people who think they know all the rules, violent arguments occurred. We would like your opinion on the following:

Incident No. 1—In the second round of a middleweight class bout, with the fight at the time in favor of Brown, both men (Brown vs. Jones) fell over the ropes. Brown recovered before he hit the floor and climbed back into the ring. Jones fell to the floor, striking his back, and complained of severe pains. The doctor, upon examination, would not allow Jones to continue, and the referee declared Brown the winner. We believe this decision correct. What is your opinion?

Incident No. 2—In a heavyweight fight, the score between the battalions was tied. Naturally the outcome of the final bout would decide the Regimental championship. Both contestants in this weight class were "strictly from hunger." Smith vs. Thomas. Thomas had never been in the ring before. The crowd of 3,500 was made up of trainees, many of whom had never seen a boxing match before. The majority of these men were representing contesting battalions.

Six seconds before the end of the first round, Thomas floored Smith and the referee took up the count. The crowd roared and because of the wild commotion and noise, the bell could not be heard by the referee, T/Sgt. John W. Williams, who completed the count of ten. The referee then walked over to Thomas and raised his hand. The knockdown occurred on my side of the ring, about six feet away from where I was judging, yet I did not hear the bell. The roar of the crowd was such that I could not even hear the count.

Thomas' seconds removed his gloves. A representative from the timekeeper's table in the meantime rushed over to me and explained the situation that the bell had not been heard and that Smith had been saved by the bell. He informed us that the knockout was an erroneous verdict as a result.

During all this flurry of activity, the doctor and seconds went into the ring and revived Smith. I instructed the referee of the circumstances, and he sent Thomas back to the ring. The gloves were again placed on both contestants and the bout was resumed.

It is admitted that more than a minute had passed, but that time was partially taken up by the replacement of the gloves, etc. The fight was continued, much to the dismay of the backers of Thomas, for during the second round Smith floored Thomas five times. After one minute of the third round, Smith K.O.'ed Thomas! Now we have a situation in which Thomas was first declared the winner, then lost the bout on a knockout.

We did not have a man to count knock-downs, but the timekeeper was strictly impartial. We are following A.A.U. rules with the exception of making a man take the full count of nine in the case of a knockdown. On each knockout, or apparent injury, we require a doctor to enter the ring. We would certainly appreciate your opinion on the correctness of our decisions.

P.S.: Our boxing program here is making tremendous headway, having at least two contests a week, nine bouts per contest. Our Golden Gloves contest will be Feb. 12, 13, 14. We are wondering if you are desirous of an article and pictures on the outcome of these scraps.

A.—Incident No. 1: The referee was correct. Precedent in boxing calls for just such action as he took. If one fighter gets back before the count of ten and can resume boxing while the other cannot, the one who can is declared the winner. If both were incapable of continuing, or if the referee had counted ten and neither had been able to get back in the ring, I would call such a bout "no contest." But Sgt. Williams acted properly. I worked with him alternately in the Camp Pickett fight program last year.

As for incident No. 2: If the bell has sounded and is not heard by the referee and that official's attention is called to the error by the official timer, it is the duty of the referee to correct that error by permitting the fight to go on. Otherwise an injustice is done to the boy who got to his feet, according to the rules, prior to the count of ten.

That happened in the Dempsey vs. Willard bout Referee Ollie Pecord had counted Jess Willard out in the first round, although Warren Barbour the official timer, had counted only seven when he rang the bell, ending the round. The din was terrific after the referee had begun his count and even those close to the bell couldn't hear its sound for the end of the session. The referee called Jack the winner and he quickly left the ring only to be called hastily and frantically back by Jack Kearns, his manager, when Referee Pecord corrected the error by informing Kearns that the bell had saved Willard and therefore the fight would be resumed as soon as the bell sounded for the second round.

Subsequently Willard could not come out for the fourth round. During the intermission he called over the referee and told him he had quit and Dempsey became the winner by a K.O. in three rounds.

Now in your case, a winner had been declared under similar circumstances and then that victory was taken from him when it became known that the bell had saved the "victim." Subsequently this original victor was outclassed, dropped a number of times and finally lost by a knockout. Under the rules of boxing, that is exactly how he loses that fight. He was knocked out in the third round, and what happened prior to that has no bearing on the final situation. It cannot be taken into consideration since the referee had not erred but outside circumstances were responsible for his failure to hear the gong.

S. J. Johnson, Slayton, Minn.

Q.—In your February issue you rated Joe Stepko in the fourth division of the light-heavyweights, but did not rate Buddy Gomer, a better fighter. Buddy taught Joe the finer points of the game and is now in the Army. Stepko in 1944 lost in six rounds to Young Johnson and was stopped in two by Walter Smith. Gomer was stopped in two by Scott Chapman, stopped Chapman in one and won in five from Sgt. Marty Kadin. I should like to see your answer in "Our Question Box."

A.—Just an oversight. In dealing with 400 boxers a few names are missed. We missed one name that should have been placed in the first group of the heavyweights, in Elmer Ray, through an oversight and we apologize for failing to name Buddy Gomer among the light-heavies. He should have been placed in Group No. 3.

Paul Mulhare, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Q.—How many times did Benny Leonard fight Lew Tendler, and Jack Delaney fight Paul Berlenbach?

A.—Leonard and Tendler fought twice. The first bout, July 27, 1922, in Jersey City, went the limit of 12 rounds, no decision. The second, at the Yankee Stadium on July 24, 1923, was won by Leonard in 15 rounds.

Delaney and Berlenbach fought four times—March 14, 1924, Delaney won by a K.O. in the Garden in four rounds. Dec. 9, 1927, Delaney won by a kayo in six in Chicago. July 16, 1926, Delaney won in 15 at Ebbets Field. Dec. 11, 1925, Berlenbach won in 15 in the Garden.

I suggest that you get Nat Fleischer's All-Time Ring Record Book for 1944 for all results of famous fights.

Col. W. Masones, Fort Dix, N. J.

Q.—In your RING, I recently read the most interesting story of the fight between Jim Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin, and in that you told how, when the fifth round had ended, Gus couldn't continue and his second, Billy Madden, tossed in the sponge, whereupon the referee, Harry Corbett, held up Jeffries' hand and declared him the winner by a knockout in the fifth round. You said that was a correct decision and that the Marquis of Queensberry rules backed up Corbett.

Now the next day we had some fights at Fort Dix and the same thing happened. A fighter couldn't come out for the start of the third round and the referee counted him out while the fighter was in his chair and then announced that the fighter had lost the bout by a T.K.O. Now who is correct? I insisted the referee was wrong, but I would like to get your decision.

A.—If the referee counted the man out while the fighter was in his chair and the bell had sounded for the third round to get under way, the official was correct. If he counted him out during the intermission before the bell sounded, then the round for the "K.O." should be recorded as a two-round knockout. However, judging by your explanation, the bell had sounded for the third round.

Under the rules in most states, if a fighter quits between rounds, the T.K.O. is recorded as in the round just ended. In some states, New Jersey, for example, where you are stationed, the rules specify that a fighter who wants to quit must remain seated until the bell sounds, then the referee must count him out, and the "K.O." is recorded as taking place in the new round.

Selbert John Jones, Long Acre, London, Eng.

Q.—Can you help me to identify a fighter who fought about the time of Jack McAuliffe and Jem Carney and was called, I think, the Illinois Cyclone?

A.—I don't know of any Illinois Cyclone of that period. There was Mervine Thompson, who was called the Cleveland Thunderbolt. He fought in McAuliffe's time and gained prominence about 1884. Perhaps that's the man to whom you refer.

MINNESOTA BOXING NEWS

By SPIKE McCARTHY
(Pinch-hitting for Billy Colbert)

IN the poorest boxing card staged in a Minnesota ring since the game became legalized in 1915, Charley Riley, 126½, Negro, knocked out Angel Aviles of New York in the first round of a bout that was scheduled for eight. Aviles was the poorest specimen of a main-event fighter that ever graced a Minnesota ring. He was helpless, and lasted exactly 57 seconds. Another bout of this sort and they will kill boxing for sure in Minneapolis.

In the semi-windup, Del Cockayne of Des Moines, Iowa, weighing 137, knocked out Rudy Zedell of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the second round. This Zedell, a nice-looking young kid, was no match for the hard-punching Drake University star, who had things all his own way.

Vecie Van, weighing 164, knocked out Elmer Carson, 155½, in the third heat, after toying with him like a cat with a mouse. It was a very poor match. Van is from Milwaukee and Carson from Topeka, Kansas.

George DeGidio, 127-pounder from Minneapolis, knocked out Ollie Johnson, 123-pound Negro from St. Louis, Mo., in the second round. Johnson was absolutely no match for the hard-punching little Minneapolis Italian.

Major Jones, 142 pounds, from Kansas City, knocked out Ruff Lawson of Sandusky, Ohio, in the first round. This was definitely a massacre. Lawson didn't even know how to hold up his hands. This bout left a bad taste in the mouths of the fistic faithful who, by the way, would like to see a bout between Del Cockayne and Major Jones. This, in the opinion of this writer, would make a wonderful main event in Minneapolis and would draw well.

Sgt. Karl Malm, a heavyweight from Park Rapids, Minnesota, is in the thick of the heavy fighting going on now in Germany. Karl is a platoon sergeant in an infantry outfit, and has been in the Army since April, 1942. Best of luck to you, Karl Malm.

Johnny McCarty, former heavyweight boxer from Stone Lake, Wis., who has been in the Marines since the summer of 1942, saw plenty of action at Iwo Jima.

Charley Foley, Gabe Kaufman's man Friday in the boxing game in Kansas City, is now a corporal at Camp Pinedall, Calif.

Maurice Marr, former Minneapolis Golden Glove star, and an all-around athlete, was killed in the invasion of Manila. Maurice was 21 years old and joined the Army in the fall of 1942. He was an infantryman.

The 1945 Northwest Golden Glove team defeated the highly touted 1945 Milwaukee Golden Glove Team, 6 to 2.

Billy Flaherty, an amateur kid from St. Paul's Harding High School, is one of the better prospects around the Saintly City at the present time. Billy, who is a featherweight, has a world of natural ability, and he has caught the eye of the old St. Paul featherweight flash, Saph McKenna, who is now acting as his coach and manager. These two should make a great team.

George Sudheimer, of St. Paul, who has acted as timekeeper at all of the boxing and wrestling bouts held here in the past thirty years, is now in his seventieth year, but one look at George and you would take him for a man of fifty. George is one of the greatest all-around athletes that ever called this his home town. As a youngster, he participated in practically every form of athletic activity and to this day you will always find George an interested spectator at all events.

Willie Remmerman, of Minneapolis, a Jewish refugee from Austria, is one of the best-looking young prospects over in the Flour City. This boy, who is only sixteen years of age, has been learning the manly art of boxing at one of the neighborhood houses and during the past season has defeated some of the best amateurs here in the Northwest.

In the most vicious and bitterly contested amateur bout ever seen in a St. Paul ring, Earle Adkinson, St. Paul Negro light-heavyweight champion, defeated his home-town rival, Handsome Jimmy O'Hara, to gain his second win over the clever O'Hara in a row. He defeated O'Hara for the city's Golden Glove title. O'Hara was in far better shape for this bout than the previous one, and he gave Earle a rough evening, but Earle was a bit too strong. These boys ought to turn pro and then be matched in a longer bout. That way it could be determined who is really the best of the two.

Earle Adkinson, St. Paul's Negro light-heavyweight, travelled to Fargo, North Dakota, and defeated Mel Bergh of Kindred, North Dakota, the 1943 Northwest Golden Glove's light-heavyweight champion, in three rounds. Dick Cook of Brainard, Minnesota, avenged a defeat suffered in the semi-finals of the Northwest Golden Glove Tournament, when he defeated Donald Maher of Fort Yates, South Dakota. The bouts were held at the Elks Club.

Ted Morrison, St. Paul's light-heavyweight, has been returned to the Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver for an operation on his right elbow. Ted was wounded down in the Philippines, and is back in this country to get back in fighting shape once again.

Emmett Weller, former lightweight champion of the Northwest, is now retired and has a stable of boxers of his own.

Mike Haggiemiller, a rough tough welterweight and middleweight of about 15 years ago, is now a surveyor in the Aleutian Islands.

Frankie Gruber, St. Paul's hard-punching lightweight of 15 years ago, is now a foreman for a big roofing concern in St. Paul.

Shifty Coe and Harley Colman, two former St. Paul bantamweights, are now employed at the Schmidts Brewery. Shifty now tips the beam at an even 200, and looks as though he has been imbibing the amber fluid, while Colman still holds the same weight he did when he was boxing—118.

Tony Stecher, the Minneapolis boxing promoter, redeemed himself with the fistic faithful when he put on one of the best shows that was ever witnessed in a Mill City ring. In the main event, the long-awaited bout between Jackie Graves, the Austin pride, and Charley Riley, the terrific punching Negro from St. Louis, came to a sudden end in the second round with Graves knocking out his rival. The bout started off in the first round with Riley trying desperately for a quick knockout, and he did hurt Jackie on a few occasions, but Graves hit Charley with a terrific left hook under the heart and this punch was the beginning of the end.

During the rest period one of the spectators dropped dead from a heart attack, brought on by the excitement of the furious milling. The second round found both of the boys setting a fast pace, and Jackie caught Riley near his own corner and hit him with a right hand on the button. Charley dropped and rolled out on the apron of the ring. He rose at the count of nine, but was out to all intent and purposes. Graves was on him like a hungry tiger and hit him with a volley of punches, knocking him down and out for the fatal count.

In the semi windup, George DeGidio, Minneapolis Featherweight, outpointed Pete Bolos of Detroit in six rounds.

In one of the big upsets of the evening, Al Jordan of Milwaukee, 135 pounds, knocked out Del Cockayne of Des Moines, Iowa, in the sixth and final round, after having given Del quite a pasting all through the bout.

Vecie Van, Milwaukee Negro light-heavyweight, knocked out Larry Watson of Omaha, Neb., in the second round with a terrific left hook to the stomach.

Buzz Brown of St. Paul, a welterweight, recently honorably discharged after more than three years service in the Navy, knocked out Joe Hartfield of Omaha in the second round.

Strolling down the street of long ago. It was twenty-one years ago that I saw Jock Malone, St. Paul's great middleweight, knock out Roland Todd, the British Champion, in the 10th and final round of a thrilling bout that was held at the old Kenwood Armory in Minneapolis. Jock, who was always the idol of this writer, is now living in Dearborn, Michigan, with his wife and 11-year-old son. He is employed as a guard at the Ford Motor Company.

Attention readers don't forget to send this wonderful magazine to the boys on the far flung battle fronts of the world, as this publication is like a letter from home to those lads.

Johnny Stanton, former Minneapolis lightweight, has been let out of the Army on a medical discharge after having served four years. Johnny was a member of the famous American Rangers, and was in the North African Campaign—the Sicilian, and the Italian Campaign, and wears the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star. Johnny was a sergeant when he received his discharge.

Hamberger Mike Hagen, who was wounded in the Philippines, has been returned to this country, and is now in the Veteran's Hospital at Hines, Illinois. Mike's arm has not mended right, so he is to be operated on once again. He was recently home here in St. Paul on a furlough where he was busy renewing old acquaintances.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS

By ANTHONY COPPI

OUTSTANDING of the two fight shows held in Indianapolis last month was the one between Buddy Walker, Columbus, O., and Colion Chaney, young Indianapolis heavyweight. The bout, a very close one, was won by Walker who was hard pressed. Hardest blow of the bout was landed by the local youth in the second round, a resounding right that almost put Walker away. The Ohioian was the aggressor throughout the scrap and his longer ring experience enabled him to stave off the Chaney rushes. This reporter's card showed four rounds even, three for Chaney and three for Walker.

Chaney scaled 187; Walker, 195.

In the semi-windup of six rounds, Robert Simmons, local Negro welterweight, took the verdict from lanky Eddie Carson of Chicago. Simmons, winning every round, missed several opportunities to stop Carson in the late rounds.

Nick Stenson, young Cincinnati lightweight, won a hard fought six-rounder from game A. C. Lee. Lee bled freely from the right eye and nose for three rounds but finished the bout.

Dave Clark, also from Cincinnati, and a middleweight, knocked out Bud Hershey, Ft. Wayne. Clark floored Hershey five times previous to the kayo in the third round.

Random Ramsey, 157, Cincinnati, won by a T.K.O. over Chuck Swango (or Mandell) of Ft. Wayne in the first round of a scheduled four-round opener.

Billy Thom, popular Indiana University wrestling coach and professional wrestler, has resigned his post at I. U. to enter business on the west coast. Thom was wrestling mentor at the University for 20 years and will celebrate his 28th year as a professional in the grunt and groan science this month. Since he began his career at age 17 as a welterweight he has had approximately 2,500 matches. Now 45, he hopes to break the record of Stanley "Biscuits" Zbyszko who appeared in a match when he was 62.

Curley Denton, sailor-boxer, lost a bout for the first time in five ring starts when he dropped a 10-round decision to Cpl. Buddy Rose, Tampa, Fla., middleweight, now stationed at Ft. Thomas, Ky., at the local armory. Rose, who captured the middleweight titles of Panama and the British East Indies while serving two years overseas, smashed Denton to the canvas in the opening round for a two count, from then on the sailor fought an uphill battle. Weights: Rose 159; Denton 157.

Robert Simmons, Indianapolis welterweight, racked up his fifth straight win here when he stopped Al Jackson, Chicago, by a technical knockout in the third round. Jackson fought on even terms in the first canto but was floored three times for nine counts during the second round.

Nick Stenson, 131, Cincinnati, pounded out a five-round decision over A. C. Lee, 127, Indianapolis. Lee is a dancing master more of the jitterbug type yet is ever-trying and a hard lad to beat.

Billy Reed, Indianapolis lightweight, won by a T.K.O. from Raymond Glenn, also local, when the latter suffered a severely cut eye in the fourth round.

Robert Beamon, local 131-pounder making his professional debut, won a close decision from Billy Sparks, 127, Indianapolis, in the four-round opener.

Tom Leeper, local fight manager, would make Eleanor Roosevelt envious the way he gets around these days. During a period of less than three months he has appeared with his mitt-tossers in no less than ten different cities covering a range from San Antonio, Tex., in the south-west to Washington, D. C., in the east and from Des Moines, Iowa, across the Mississippi to Augusta, Ga., on the Atlantic seaboard. Other stops he made were at Newark, Memphis, Dayton, and Chicago. Mainstays of the Leeper stable are heavyweights Colion Chaney and Johnny Denson; lightweights A. C. Lee and Raymond Glenn, also Sparky Reynolds, welterweight.

PROFILE: This month we begin a series of interviews with popular boxing figures in Indianapolis. Our first profile is about one of the most versatile gents in fistiana, Dick Patton. Locally he serves as third man in the ring on the fight cards and during the wrestling shows he acts in the capacity of announcer. But this is not all that makes him versatile, he also referees wrestling bouts throughout the state, he is a free lance publicity agent, publicity director for the Indiana A.A.U. and a former radio sports caster (he served a stint as sports director for radio station WGBF in Evansville, Ind.). Patton was a former baseball and football star at Butler University. He is the son of W. H. Patton, deputy boxing commissioner and nephew to W. B. Patton, sports editor of the Indianapolis *Star*.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

ELKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA—Upwards of 1,200 persons crowded the city auditorium to witness the boxing card sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The winners in the several bouts comprising 30 rounds of boxing were:

James Hasvold, Flandreau, 135 lbs., over Gene Roth, Elkton.

Al Smith, Brookings, 147 lbs., over Gene Ibach, White.

Carl Wiese, Elkton, 147 lbs., over Bud Wilber, Brookings, by technical knockout.

Ed Lawrence, Flandreau, 140 lbs., over Glenn Tillgren, Brookings.

Raymond Bear, Flandreau, 140 lbs., over "Joker" Stuefen, Elkton.

Magnus Hourscht, Pipestone, 145 lbs., over M. Running Rabbitt, Flandreau, by a knockout.

Gordon Duff, Brookings, 160 lbs., over Russ Klosterman, Elkton.

"Chuck" Schroeder, Elkton, 170 lbs., over Ernest Kirby, Aurora.

George Brown, Pipestone, 160 lbs., over Lester Czepa, Slayton, by technical knockout.

Wade Miller, Flandreau, 190 lbs., over Andy Rydell, Lake Benton.

Geneva, Neb.—Such well known boxers as Pfc. Charles Green, title winner in the Omaha Midwest Golden Gloves tourney; Pvt. Henry Buchanan, welter from New York; Pfc. Scranton Hudwell, featherweight who hails from Philadelphia; Sgt. Clarence Murdock, lightweight from Cincinnati, and Pfc. Joseph Howard, light heavyweight from Buffalo, N. Y., are located at the Fairmount army air base.

Sioux City, Ia.—Five fast bouts were presented to boxing fans at the Sioux City air base fieldhouse in the opening round of the Second air force area 2 boxing tourney. Boxers from Iowa and Nebraska took part. Cpl. Frank Sawyer, Harvard, Neb., 127-pounder, won over Pfc. Ivory Hariston, Negro, from Kearney Army Air Field.

Harvard's James Simms, Negro, and Pfc. Ozell Stevens, Sioux City Negro fighter, stepped up the tempo of things in the 135-pound class and their bout was fairly even until near the end of the second round. Simms got in a hard right to the chin and a cross to the body that caused Stevens' underpins to give way a few seconds later. Simms was awarded a technical knockout.

The aggressive Sgt. Truman Swingle, Harvard's champion and winner of the Omaha *World-Herald* good sportsmanship trophy in the welterweight class at the recent Chicago Tournament of Champions, outclassed Pfc. Ellis Rush of Kearney in one of the best scraps of the evening to grab another bout for Harvard in the 145-pound division.

Pfc. Charles Wilhite, Sioux City's only victor of the evening, was awarded a close decision over Pfc. Frank Johnson in the 165-pound class.

Logan, Ia.—The boxing carnival staged here between the first and second teams of Logan and Boys Town resulted in a win by Logan fighters. In the first team class Logan won four of six bouts and in second team competition the breaks were even, three wins for each town team.

Sioux City, Ia.—The Harvard, Neb., airfield boxing team held the championship of Area 2 of the Second Air Force. The Nebraska soldiers won six victories to place first in the boxing tournament which ended here Friday night. The Sioux City air base grabbed second place with three victories. Kearney, Neb., air base and Grand Island air base each ended with one victory.

127-pound class—Lynn Bell, Kearney, decisioned Frank Sawyer, Harvard.

135-pound class—James Simms, Harvard, decisioned Orlando Morgente, Sioux City.

145-pound class—Truman Swingle, Harvard, decisioned Pedro Lopez, Kearney.

155-pound class—Milton Varsos, Harvard, decisioned Harold Schmidt, Harvard.

165-pound class—Charles Wilhite, Sioux City, decisioned Sammy Kozek, Sioux City.

175-pound class—Huron Braxton, Sioux City, knocked out Larnie Spinner, Sioux City.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Pfc. D. Pershing, 18, son of Sailor Burke, well known Sioux City lightweight of bygone years, died March 10 as a result of wounds suffered in action on Iwo Jima . . . Steve Brody, one-time leading heavyweight wrestler and well known to mat fans in Iowa, was also killed in action on Iwo Jima . . . Mrs. Emil Schultz of Toronto, Ia., is secretary of the Farmer Burns Club, organized to raise funds for a memorial for Farmer Burns, famous wrestler . . . remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia. Pvt. Robert Wilson, Sioux City Golden Gloves welterweight champion who was runnerup for the title in the National Tournament of Champions received an emerald studded silver boxing glove . . . He is 19 years old and is a radio instructor at the Sioux Falls, So. Dakota army airfield . . . His home is at Ingleside, Cal., and is the daddy of a seven-month-old baby. . . The annual Sioux City parochial schools' boxing tournament produced plenty of action and several promising youngsters . . . The bouts were held in the Trinity College gym.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

CINCINNATI returned to the active ring game during the middle of April when Leonard Shallat, Cincinnati lawyer, staged his first ring show at the Music Hall Sports Arena.

Mac Bonner, down in Louisville, Ky., is priming his star Negro middleweight, Bob Garner, for some big matches this summer.

Jimmy Brown, Cincinnati amateur heavyweight, scored a T.K.O. on April 2 over Jack Itzel of Pittsburgh in the second round of the quarter-finals in the National A.A.U. boxing tourney at Boston. Brown seems to have a good chance to cop the 1945 title from this corner.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and their Pilots . . . Lincoln Clark, Cincinnati welter, and a trio of other local ringsters may make an invasion of the west coast this summer. . . . Allen Munn, former Omaha manager and promoter, is dickering for the services of several mid-west battlers for a tour of the coast. . . . Joe Basco's Barberton, O., stable is a busy one and a big one. . . . Fighters of all weights who wish national booking should contact this writer at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio. . . . This address also available for those who wish the yearly flash fight service at one dollar per year. . . . With delighted interest I read the recent national article on the boss, Nat S. Flcischer, with all the photos. . . . Nat's collection must be sensational and anyone who gets to the big town, sure shouldn't miss it. . . . Charlie Vaughn of Detroit is anxious to show his stable down southern Ohio way. . . . The rumor is floating around that Latonia, Ky., may soon promote boxing with Joe Olding of that city behind the proposal. . . . He has American Legion backing. . . . It would be a good spot. . . . Adam Horoschak of Shelton, Conn., is claiming the world's welterweight wrestling championship and is available for booking through this writer. . . . I'd like to hear from some middle- and welterweight wrestlers. . . . And so until next month with a parting piece of advice . . . order your RING Magazine early from your favorite newsstand or, better still, send in for your one-year subscription.

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BOXING CHAMPS CROWNED IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS

By BOB MORLEY

THE December issue of THE RING Magazine carried a letter written by Captain Joseph S. McEntee, Island Special Service Officer, telling of the first boxing card ever presented on conquered Japanese territory on the Island of Saipan. This program was presented on August 26th, 1944, just 48 days after the Island was captured. 13,200 service personnel packed the Garrison Arena to see the bouts. It was the beginning of a tremendous program which has since made boxing the major sport here and Saipan the Madison Square Garden of the Pacific.

Boxing here is sponsored by the Island Special Service Section under the direction of Captain McEntee, promoted by Lt. (jg) Donald Emery, Island Athletic Director, and his assistants, Cpl. Bob Morley (matchmaker), Cpl. Paul Phillips (program director), and Pfc. Mitchell Anarit (announcer). Official referees are Lt. Emery, Cpl. Morley, and P.O. 1/c Paul Stedina.

To date 42 weekly boxing cards have been presented on this Island, a total of well over 400 bouts. The Island boasts 15 major boxing arenas as well as many company arenas and training gyms.

We are sending results of our two recent Golden Gloves tournaments, the All-Army, and the All-Service.

At the present time a Pacific Forward Areas Boxing Tournament is in progress, the winners to represent the Marianas Islands in the Pacific Ocean Areas boxing championships to be held soon in Honolulu.

The All-Army Tournament was the first elimination affair presented on the Island and its purpose was to provide the various weight champions to represent the Army in the All-Service Tournament which in turn produced the Island Boxing Champions.

Seventy-two Army enlisted men battled through the five-night fistic carnival and nine champions were crowned.

Frankie Yazza, 118, Ponca City, Okla., defeated Marcella Monard, 119, Hilo, Hawaii, for the bantamweight crown. There was never a dull moment in this bout as both boys went "all out" for the title. Yazza's sensational finish in the fourth and last round enabled him to win the decision.

Tommy Forte, 127, Philadelphia, Pa., former world's bantamweight contender, won the featherweight title as he was unopposed in this class.

Charles Briggs, 135, Texarkana, Ark., decisioned Billy Alexander, 133, Midland, Texas, in a close bout for the lightweight crown. Alexander's eye was closed tight in the third round and Briggs was able to score often in the fourth round to annex the title.

William Duncan, 147, Brooklyn, N. Y., scored his ninth straight K.O. victory and his eighteenth in 22 fights to win the welterweight crown. Duncan connected in the second round, dropping Orville Stevens, 148, Weatherly, Texas, four times before he was counted out in 1:19 of that round.

William Justice, 154, Philadelphia, Pa., was an easy winner over Ed Carson, 152, Philadelphia, Pa., former Guadalcanal champion in the senior-welterweight class. Carson seemed to respect the hard-hitting Justice, and as a result it was the only slow, uninteresting bout on the card.

Tom Georgina, 160, Hollywood, and Eddie Veal, 160, New Orleans, met for the fourth time in the middleweight title bout. It was Georgina's night this time as he dropped Eddie Veal for a "nine count" in the second round to gain the decision and the Army title in a thrilling bout.

B. S. Warren, 167, Philadelphia, Pa., fought the toughest battle of his career to win a close decision over Mack Liggett, 166, Wheeling, W. Va. Warren's eye was cut early in the first round. This, however, did not slow him down and the whirlwind finish he created in the fourth round easily gave him the championship.

Lynn Lawrence, 175, Oakwood, Texas, scored an upset to win the light-heavyweight crown as he outslugged Harrison Lemon, 172, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was Lemon's first defeat on this Island and he had already scored two wins over the rugged Lawrence.

Charles "Yank" Jackson, 180, former heavyweight champion of Guadalcanal, won the heavyweight crown as he defeated Joe Rochester, 190, former New York Golden Glove Champion, in a great bout. Jackson received a deep cut over the eye in the first round, but after rallying in the last three sessions, he easily won the championship. This was Jackson's second victory over Rochester.

Following this tournament comes the All-Service Meet and here are the results:

The All-Service boxing championship to determine the Saipan Island titleholders was decided exactly six months after boxing was introduced here. Over one hundred enlisted men in all branches of the Service boxed through the five-night tournament to crown the champions in the nine weight classes.

Chuck Ah Young, 118-pound Seabee, Honolulu, Hawaii, won the bantamweight crown when Frank Yazza, 118, Army Champion, Ponca City, Oklahoma, was forced to default due to an eye injury received in the semi-final bout.

Tommy Forte, 123, Army Champion, from Philadelphia, won the Island crown as he was once again unopposed in his division.

Cowie Taylor, 135, Marines, Detroit, Michigan, defeated Billy Alexander, 133, Midland, Texas, Army scrapper, in a tough four-round bout. Taylor broke a bone in his right hand in the first round but continued to fight and was awarded the decision and title.

In the greatest fight seen here, Bernie Gaeta, Marines, Chicago, Ill., handed William Duncan, Army, Brooklyn, N. Y., the first defeat in his career to win the 147-pound title. Duncan previously had scored 18 kayoes in 25 fights. Gaeta floored Willie in the third round and easily won the fourth round and the championship.

Eddie Carson, 154, Army, Philadelphia, Pa., and former Guadalcanal champion, upset the pre-fight "dope" when he defeated Dave Pruitt of the Navy, 154, Philadelphia, Pa., for the senior-welterweight title. Carson, who entered the tournament as an Army alternate, came through the hard way as he also upset Marine Leo Mann, the pre-tournament favorite.

Tommy Georgina of the Army, 160, Hollywood, Calif., added the Island to his list of victories as he defeated tough Marine Doug Moore, 160, Indianapolis, Ind., in the finals. Moore suffered a fractured jaw in the second round but continued to fight only to lose a very close decision.

"Buddy" Warren, 167, Philadelphia, Pa., also repeated as All-Island champion when he defeated Marine Major Walker, 166, Phoenix, Arizona, for the senior-middleweight crown. Warren is undefeated on the Island.

Marine John Tucker, 175, Columbus, Ohio, was the most decisive champion winner as he knocked out Ed Hodge, Army, 175, Haines City, Fla., in 1:47 of the second round. Tucker established a record in that he knocked out every man he met in this tournament.

Lowell Strong, Army, 205, St. Louis, Mo., and former CPA heavyweight champion, defeated Charles "Yank" Jackson, 185, New York City, for the heavyweight title. It was a thrilling match which saw Yank an easy winner for two rounds, only to be slowed down by the heavy-hitting Strong, whose last-round finish gave him the decision and the championship.

SOUTHERN BOXING FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

CAMP MAXEY, TEXAS—Cpl. Fritzie Zivic, former world's welterweight champion, knocked out Kid Astrada, in one minute and forty seconds of the second round. Al Hemby and Dick Gillespie boxed a three-round draw. Both weighed in at 144. Jose Andreas, 124, decisioned Raymond Alva, 125 (4). Joey Yarosz, 148, brother of Teddy Yarosz, former world's middleweight champion, won over Eddie Sulk, 147 (4).

Purcell, Okla., Mar. 12—Results of the bouts: 145-pound class—Jim Cotterall decisioned Ed Dunk. 135-pound class—Larry Margolin decisioned Knox Brandon. 155-pound class—Mike Bazuik decisioned R. A. Rodriguez. 175-pound class—Al Berg decisioned James Bieri. 155-pound class—Malcolm McLennan decisioned Charles Downey. 118-pound class—Bill Saragusa decisioned Jack Ferrer. 165-pound class—Justice Hampton decisioned Sol Taylor. 145-pound class—John Humphrey decisioned LeRoy Hayes.

Ft. Smith, Ark., Results: 90-pound class—Billy Atwell, Ft. Smith, won over Troy Brown, Fayetteville, Ark. 105-pound class—Raymond Blevins, Ft. Smith, won over Ray Wilson, Fayetteville. 112-pound class—Bobby Smith, Little Rock, won over Julio Barocoio, Conway, Ark. 135-pound class—Tommy Presson, Ft. Smith, won over Herman Tuck, Fayetteville.

Anadarko, Okla.—Jack Woodrow, 170, Purcell Navy, decisioned Jim McDowell, 176, Oklahoma City. John Miles, 161, Sapulpa, decisioned Pete Natchwey, 155, Norman Nattc. Al Riley, 159, AATTC, decisioned Fred Ebisch, 161, Cameron. Jack Craig, 149, City, decisioned Kenneth Dietrich, 148, Ft. Cobb. John Humphries, 147, Purcell Navy, decisioned William Tiger, 141, Sapulpa. Harold Schindler, 149, Frederick Army Air Field, decisioned Kenneth Keel, 143, City, Jackson Hummingbird, 134, Riverside, K.O.'ed Bruce Vinson, 132, Ft. Sill (1).

Carney Pewewardy, 130, Ft. Sill, decisioned Joe Pruitt, 135, Purcell Navy. Charlie Pebeahsy, 112, Ft. Sill, T.K.O.'ed Calvin Littlebear, 114, Sapulpa (2). Guido Franciamore, 112, Frederick A.A.F., decisioned Marcel Mahsetky, 112, Ft. Sill. Leroy Waldon, 126, Sapulpa, T.K.O.'ed Tyler Wahner, 126, Ft. Sill (2).

Anadarko, Okla.—State A.A.U. Champions of 1945, results: 112 pounds—Charley Pebeahsy, Ft. Sill, Indian School, decisioned Guido Franciamore, Frederick A.A.F. 118 pounds—Bracy Murrow, Norman Navy Skyjackets, T.K.O.'ed Amos Aitson, Riverside (2). 126 pounds—Virgil Franklin, Riverside, decisioned Herschel Acton, Oklahoma City. 135 pounds—Ralph Wermy, Riverside, decisioned Virgil Whitefox, Riverside. 147 pounds—Bruce Tomah, Cameron Aggies, decisioned Carl Schindler, Frederick A.A.F. 160 pounds—Everitt Newbill, Navy Skyjackets, decisioned Leo Dressell, Purcell Gunners. 175 pounds—Ted Maheras, Skyjackets, decisioned Phillip Berman, Skyjackets. Heavyweight—Jack Babs, Skyjackets, decisioned Fred Wermy, Riverside.

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IN HAWAII
By PVT. MACK SHERMAN

THE Island of Oahu was the scene of some good bouts at the new fight arena at Wahiawa. They also saw a new promoter in Eddie Marino, who gave his first presentation on Saturday, March 10, with an excellent six-bout program. Approximately 3,000 rural fight-hungry fans turned out for this action filled program.

Llewellyn Strohlin, many times amateur champion, repeated his victory of a few weeks ago over Butch O'Hara, the tough Irishman. Strohlin was effective with solid right hand smashes to the head. His overhand right to the chin was very sharp. O'Hara missed continuously and Strohlin countered beautifully.

Strohlin had a decided edge. Both boys weighed in at 146 pounds.

Sabas Jamito, the old war horse, met his nemesis in Louis Montez, the former Puerto Rican amateur champ in the five round semi-final. Jamito was on the deck four times in the second. Never at any time was Jamito in the fight, and the decision was unanimous in favor of Montez. They are lightweights.

Joe Colon, 126, made short work of Pete Nowokowski, 125, in the third when he sent a terrific left hook to Pete's jaw and that was all.

Semplicio Costalles, 120, threw too much leather for Jim Lloyd, 122½, to triumph in the second on a TKO. This bout was all one-sided.

Charlie Barnett, 138, had too many guns for Eddie Mara, 139, with Barnett chilling Eddie midway in the third with a smashing hook to the midsection.

Tony Generalo, 120, flattened Kid McCoy, 125, in a minute and a half of the first.

Leo Leavitt, the local Mike Jacobs, promoted one of the most thrilling matches at the Civic Auditorium on Sunday, February 25, with Otis Jackson scoring an impressive four round K.O. over Red Luce, the courageous Irishman from the East Coast. It was a scheduled six-rounder that topped an all-star card that was a corker. The Jackson-Luce bout was a nip and tuck affair right from the opening gong until Jackson caught up with Luce midway in the fourth.

The first round hardly got started before both boys stood toe-to-toe and traded leather without a let up for the entire round with Jackson carrying the round with the slightest edge. In the second, the boys repeated the bill of fare and now Luce scored with more effective punching.

The third was a repetition of the first two rounds with plenty of dynamite thrown by both contestants. However, in the last forty seconds of the third, Jackson fired two terrific rights to Luce's jaw that made his teeth rattle and Luce slumped to the floor for a count of nine. He arose on very wobbly feet and was in very bad shape. Jackson tore into Red to finish him and as he connected again with a hard right, the bell came to Red's rescue.

It looked bad for Red at the intermission, but Luce showed remarkable courage and stamina by charging out of his corner to start the fourth and lashed out with a two-fisted attack that caught Jackson flat-footed. Jackson back-pedaled momentarily and Red caught him with a devastating left hook and hard right that shook up Jackson and dropped him for a no count. Jackson then proceeded to take the fight away from Red and sunk a left and right which dropped Luce. Red arose at the count of nine only to have Jackson drive a devastating right to the button that was the finale.

Jackson weighed in at 142¾, and Luce came in at 147. It was a hard, well-deserved victory for Jackson.

In the semi-final scheduled for five rounds, two boys who possessed unbeaten records in the pro ranks met in a hot and lively tussle that proved to be a good warm up for the main event. Johnny Boskie, 160, defeated Alvin Gordon, 159½, in a closely contested affair that should have been called a draw. The fans booed the verdict.

Art Lind, the former middleweight titleholder of the Territory, did a fine job in disposing of Jack Sicari in two minutes of the first round. Considering the fact that Lind returned from a long lay off, he looked comparatively good by driving Sicari to the ropes with a hard one, two to the jaw, and as Sicari pulled himself up with the aid of the ropes, Lind shot a screaming left to the mid-section and that was all for Sicari. They are middleweights.

Jimmy Freeman, 184, made his pro debut by outpointing big Sandy McPherson, 224. By taking advantage of his speed and a long flicking left jab, he outboxed the big boy who outweighed him by 40 pounds.

John Perry, 119, scored a mild upset when he TKO'd Bill Candido, 126, in the third of a scheduled four-rounder.

Louis Montez, 145, scored a four-round TKO over Kid McCoy, 142, in the opener.

The show drew approximately 2,500 fans and grossed $4,159.

An all-star card was presented at the Civic Auditorium on Saturday, March 3, in which Cleo Everett, 180, was awarded the verdict over George Sanders, 175, in a close main event. The star attraction was listed at six rounds and Everett, and the entire arena, was surprised when the referee raised his hand in victory.

Sanders should have been awarded nothing less than a draw, but the local arbiters thought otherwise, robbing Sanders of the decision and giving Everett a present. My personal score sheet read three rounds for Sanders, one round for Everett and two even.

No knockdowns were scored by either fighter and it wound up as a tame brawl. Although Everett is the acknowledged better fighter of the two, he missed continuously with his right and looked awkward on many occasions. Everett kept leading with his chin and invited Sanders to take advantage of an easy target to keep piling up his score.

In the semi-final scheduled for six rounds, Henry Smith, 159½, the AAFPOA champ, had an easy time in easily whipping Caesar Ferro, 157. Never, at any time, was Ferro in the fight and Smith dumped Ferro to the canvas in the third and fourth rounds. Smith had a fine opportunity to K.O. Ferro in the third when he drove Ferro to the ropes with hard rights that left him dazed. However, Smith did not follow through and Ferro went the distance.

The balance of the card was all scheduled four rounders.

Johnny Perry, 117½, scored a hard and popular victory over Louis Ortega, 121, in the main prelim. Perry scored a knockdown in the third to clinch the fight.

Surviving a nine count knockdown in the first, Butch O'Hara, 146, came back strong in the second when he found the range and K.O.'ed Eddie Mara, 142, in the second.

Abe Ramson, 157, scored an easy victory over Ray Dioses, 160, in a four.

In the opener, Ray Young defeated Joe Edmunds quite handily.

The attendance was 2,393 and grossed $3,878.35.

Gus Rosa caused a mild sensation when he held Dado Marino, the Territorial Flyweight titleholder, to a draw at the Civic Auditorium. This bout headed an all-star card which in its entirety proved to be a stinkeroo with the exception of the above mentioned bout.

In this interesting six-rounder, Rosa startled the near capacity house and showed absolutely no respect for hard hitting Dado by standing toe to toe with the champ and lashing out in the second, Young Rosa sent Marino to the canvas twice with well directed legitimate blows to the chin. After an even first round, Dado bounced out of his corner to start the second and met Rosa before he hardly got off his stool. In a short exchange on the ropes near Rosa's corner the young one threw a lightning right that landed flush on Dado's chin and the champ found himself on the deck. He rose at the count of eight and immediately was dumped again by a hard left hook, this time for a count of seven. Dado rose on wobbly feet to survive the round.

This was Rosa's big round, for starting the third, Dado sensed he had a fight on his hands and commenced to go to work on his small, underestimated opponent. Dado opened a cut over Gus's left eye and kept pecking at it with sharp left jabs. This type of action made Rosa back pedal and he continued to back track for the balance of the battle.

Dado reopened the cut on Rosa's eye in each succeeding round. In using the back pedal system, Rosa kept out of harm's way and managed to earn a draw for himself. Dado weighed 119¼ and Rosa came in at 117¾.

In a companion six-rounder, Art Lind, the former Territorial middleweight champ, scored a five round knockout over Alvin Gordon. Although the fight was void of action both boys were even in the scoring until Lind shot a short right to Gordon's midsection and the Negro folded up. Both battlers weighed 156½.

In a hard fought four-rounder, James Freeman, 187, and Deacon Bob Smith, 190, battled to an interesting draw. The boys mixed it rather freely until Smith dropped the former AAU heavy champ in the second with a hard left hook to the chin. Freeman came back strong to even the joust and they were both even at the finish.

The first three bouts all scheduled four-rounders, ended via the KO route.

Fred Silvano, 123, put away Ray Young, 120, early in the first.

Ray Dioses, 158, took less than a minute to polish off Byron Johnson, 159.

In the opener, David Broad, 160, put away Leroy Charleston, 159, in a minute and a half of the second.

The crowd was 4,034 and grossed $6,510.

A poor show was presented at the Civic Auditorium on Sunday, March 25, before one of the smallest crowds to witness these shows. The gross was only $3,180.75.

In the main event of six, Sandy McPherson, 224, punched Deacon Smith, 195½ all over the ring to gain the decision over the aged Deacon. The entire fight was monotonous and boring. The fans started booing early and continued to do so for the remainder of the contest. McPherson did whatever fighting there was and rightfully deserved the duke.

In the semi-final of six rounds, George Sanders, 176½ and Jimmy Freeman, 189½, appeared in a fiasco which lasted less than two rounds. At the very beginning of the second, Sanders threw a mysterious blow and Freeman hit the deck on one knee. The referee tolled ten and Freeman very gingerly got to his feet and danced to his corner making Sanders a K.O. winner.

A pleasing performer and willing mixer by the name of Butch O'Hara, outboxed and outslugged the veteran Sabas Jamito to gain the popular decision.

Eugene Strohlin, 150¾, in making his pro debut, looked impressive in defeating Vince Tritto 145¾, in a four-rounder.

Joe Collins, 150, threw everything at Fred Burkhead, 142½, but couldn't put him away. Collins won the duke hands down.

Bobby Reyes, 125, finally caught up with Joe Edmunds, 117, in the fourth and final round and floored him three times before the referee intervened and stopped the contest.

Eddie Marino, the new promoter at Wahiawa, presented his second smoker at the rural outdoor arena before a slim crowd of 1500 people on March 24. Llewellyn Strohlin, 146¾ pounds, outboxed Louis Montez, 145½, in the main event of six rounds.

In the semi-final, scheduled for five rounds, Leo Renai, 123, the classy soldier scrapper, had an easy time of it in defeating William Gonzales, 125. Renai forced the fight at every opportunity and threw a variety of blows, plus his aggressive style to make Gonzales feel that he should have remained in retirement a little longer.

Eddie Mara did it again. He had practically his own way during the entire fight with Antonio Generalao. Eddie weakened in the latter rounds to drop the duke to Generalao in a four.

Semplicio Costales, 125½, K.O.'d John Ortiz, 143, who came in looking like Mr. 5 by 5 by putting away the fat boy early in the second. Louis Ortega, 125, wasted very little time in disposing of Domingo Castillio, 124, in one minute of the second round.

The curtain raiser saw Classy Georgie Tanaka, 110, K.O. Little Salvador, 113, in the second.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

CURTIS SMITH, the lightweight puncher from East St. Louis, Illinois, who won the 135-pound open championship in the St. Louis Golden Gloves, bowed out in the semi-finals of the greater Chicago tourney. Smith had piled up a huge lead in the first two rounds and evidently got careless in the third heat. It was in the third round of the torrid session that the Los Angeles thumper, in the person of Roscoe Scully, blasted out the point leading Smith.

Pfc. Nick Ranieri of Scott Field, Illinois, who lost to Skeets Gillam, the 160-pound open king of the Lead Belt A. C. in the finals of this year's Golden Gloves, gave Pvt. Joe Lewicki, also of Scott Field a boxing lesson in punching out a three-round decision over the 1945 novice welterweight champ. Ranieri scored two knockdowns over the very promising Lewicki for the counts of two and nine. A crowd of 1300 soldiers saw the show arranged by Lt. Michael Grego and Pvt. Hank Postaway the pro heavy from Scott Field, Illinois.

Charley Riley, the solid socker from St. Louis, Mo., was blasted out in the second stanza of a scheduled eight-rounder in Minneapolis, Minn., by belting Jackie Graves of Austin, Minn. Riley was well on his way to winning his 35th consecutive pro start, as he was way ahead on points, when Graves, a rock-a-bye baby in his own right, caught Charley with his thoughts and his mind elsewhere and blasted the St. Louis battler out of the ring with a terrific left hand. That was Riley's first setback in 35 pro bouts. Graves has had a total of 21 pro fights and his victory over Riley was his 20th win. He scaled 124¼ to 123¼ for Riley.

The St. Louis team of A.A.U. mitt slingers drew a blank in Boston, Mass., at the National A.A.U. championship bouts. St. Louis did not place one entry in the finals. Fred Latson and Willie Browning bowed out of the punch parade in the semi-finals. Browning lost to Charley Lester the Cleveland, Ohio clouter who went on from there and won the National A.A.U. heavyweight crown. Fred Latson the St. Louis battling featherweight lost to Virgil Franklin, an Indian boy from Oklahoma City, Okla., who walked off with the National featherweight championship. To me this means but one thing and that is that the St. Louis boys just don't get enough pre-tournament work, what these St. Louis kids need is more bouts and more often.

The boys who represented St. Louis in the Boston Nationals are: Heavyweight, Willie Browning; light heavyweight, John Gulley; middleweight, Willie Jackson; welterweight, Bob Mohler; lightweight, Curtis Smith; featherweight, Fred Latson; bantamweight, Phil Alberti; flyweight, Ray Unsell.

Here are the champions: Keith Hamilton, New Orleans, 112 pounds; Amos Altson, Oklahoma City, 118; Virgil Franklin, Oklahoma City, 126; Jetson Arnold, Philadelphia, 135; Abe Lee, Chicago, 147; Allan Faulkner, Buffalo, 160; Richard Nutt, Alexandria, Va., 175; and Charley Lester, Cleveland, heavyweight.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

WORLD FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION, Jackie Paterson, of Glasgow, scaling 122 pounds, and now serving in the RAF, did not have it all his own way in his eight round contest with Stoker Jack Grimes, 125¾, of the Royal Navy, at the Alexandra Theatre, Stoke Newington, for the young stoker, who has only recently turned professional, defied all Paterson's attempts to score a quick win, and gave the Champion a hard ride, before losing on points.

It was not the sort of boxing one would expect from a world's champion, for Paterson was wild, erratic, and his timing was poor. On more than one occasion he slipped to the canvas after missing with some particularly violent swings.

Grimes began the contest by taking the fight to Paterson, who, boxing coolly, waited his time, and didn't cut loose until the second round when he put Grimes down for two.

The third round showed Paterson gaining the upper hand, but never by the wide margin one would have expected. Although there were some brisk exchanges, during which Grimes suffered a cut over the left eyebrow, it was Grimes who had the Champ worried at the start of the fourth session, when he began with a bustling attack. Paterson replied with a stinging left that had Grimes down again, for seven, and soon after was down himself for a count of two, clutching his stomach, but the referee to whom he appealed, allowed that it was a fair blow, and Paterson arose to continue the bout.

Grimes again attacked during the fifth round, and was floored again during the sixth, and it must be added, that it was around this time that he began showing signs of weariness.

The seventh had Grimes again down for nine, and then again for eight, but, try as he would, Paterson could not put the game sailor away for keeps. Although Grimes was again floored during the eighth and last round, this time for three, he was on his feet at the final gong, a gallant loser.

It should be added that Paterson's display was an improvement upon his recent exhibitions, but he still has quite a road to travel to again become the force he was.

In the chief supporting bout, Jackie Rankin, of Southall, defeated Tom Hendrie, of Glasgow, who was disqualified in the fourth of a scheduled eight round contest.

Also over eight rounds, Billy Comerford, of Glasgow, outpointed Cliff Morris, of Pontypridd.

P.O. Tim Mahoney, Royal Navy, defeated Jack Evans, of Wales, in the fifth of a scheduled six round contest, while Jim Lydon, of Ireland, defeated Dave Forward, of Roath Vale, over six rounds, on points.

Ronnie Price, of Bethnal Green, defeated Joey Brown, of Poplar, who was disqualified in the first of a scheduled six-rounder, for an alleged low blow.

It seems that with the liberation of Paris, boxing has again come into its own in the fair capital of France, for at the Velodrome de River, scene of so many brilliant boxing shows promoted by the late Captain Jeff Dickson, a crowd of 15,000 fans gathered to watch the new French sensation, Robert Charon, defeat the former middleweight Olympic Games Champion, Jules Despaux, on points in 15 rounds of hard fighting.

The gate receipts totalled £13,000, or at par, with prewar rating, $65,000, which in any language, is a lot of coin.

Charon has a snappy right hand punch which felled Despaux for two counts of eight.

On the same program, Theo Medina, defeated Rene Megret, on points, for the French Bantamweight Title.

At Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium, popular Jimmy Molloy, of Liverpool, 145½, and official contender for the welterweight title held by Ernie Roderick, scored an eight round knockout win over Bob McLuckie, of Glasgow, 148, in what was to have been a ten round contest.

Mickey Colbert, of Belfast, outpointed Danny Nagle, of Ireland, over eight rounds, while over the same distance, Noel Wagener, of Keigley, won by a knockout over Jim Herlihy, of Ireland, in the second round.

Joe Merryweather, of Liverpool, won over Benny Green, of Chester, by a technical knockout in the fifth of a scheduled six round contest.

Chris Keily, of Liverpool, won over Mickey Donovan, of Buxton, by a technical knockout in the fifth of a scheduled six round contest.

Joe Orsatelli, French Navy, sprang a big surprise when he defeated George Odwell, of Camden Town, in the last round of their eight round contest at the Caledonian Road Baths.

The Southpaw stance of the Frenchman gave Odwell cause to take care of the onset. But after the second round, he seemed to have mastered this awkwardness, and scored well with powerful right hand punches to the body.

Odwell continued to make the pace, although Orsatelli managed to get home an occasional left hook to the body or a right jab to the face.

It seemed odds on Odwell getting a points win, when early in the eighth round, a powerful left hook dropped him for a count of eight, and it was obvious that he was badly hurt on rising.

Following up, Orsatelli had him down on three more occasions, before Odwell signified to the referee his inability to continue, a few seconds before the final gong.

Johnny Mack, of Islington, gained a close points win over Ron Kingston, of Sittingbourne, over eight rounds, and over a similar distance, Billy Taylor, of Stepney, outpointed Billy Gunn, of Glasgow.

Alf Mann, of Walworth, beat Ted Sullivan, of Camden Town, in the third of a six round bout.

Bert Jackson, hard punching Fleetwood featherweight, scored a good win, when he caused Jimmy Higgins of Scotland to retire in the eighth of a scheduled ten round contest, at the Augusta Street Barracks, Grimsby.

Jackson carried the fight all the way, and his victory was never in doubt.

At Blackpool, George Dilks, of Barnsley, fought hard for three rounds against Johnny MacDonald, RAF, before the latter retired with a damaged knee, at the end of the third of a scheduled ten round contest.

Ralph Moss, of Blackpool, defeated Paddy Ross, of Sunderland, over eight rounds. Ross, who is a southpaw, could not seem to stop Moss from breaking through his defense, and when in the last round, he suffered a severely cut lip, which necessitated several stitches, the referee called a halt, awarding the bout to Moss.

Syd Clayton, of Blackpool, knocked out Alf Hughes of Liverpool, in the third of a scheduled six-rounder, while Chris Kelly, of Liverpool, knocked out Andy Bates, of Gexhoe, in the fourth.

Bobby Hinds, of Barnsley, coming in as a last minute substitute, defeated Johnny Walker, of Leeds, on points over eight rounds.

Johnny Boyd, of Peterborough, scored a narrow points win over Jack Lewis, of Bournemouth, over ten rounds, at Peterborough.

Boyd boxed well. Although Lewis seemed to improve after the halfway mark, Boyd had taken too many points in the early stages for the Bournemouth lad to make up the leeway, and Boyd ran out a winner on points.

Jimmy Anderson, of Waltham Cross, was too varied in attack for Arthur Wright, of Peterborough, and after putting Wright down for two counts in the seventh and tenth rounds, ran out a comfortable winner on points.

Johnny Brickwell, of Enfield, drew with George Browning of Peterborough over six rounds, while Doug Saggers, of Peterborough stopped Eric Stevens, of Edmonton, in the second round.

Jimmy Wells, of Enfield, defeated Roy Pearman, of Edmonton, the referee stopping the contest in the fourth stanza.

At the Kings Hall, Derby, Tom Blawright, of Ilkeston, and Frank Woodcock, of Nottingham, deputizing for Ernie Davies of Wales, at short notice, put on an interesting contest over eight rounds, before Woodcock received a points decision.

In an eight-rounder, Billy Williams, of Sutton, a whirlwind miner, stopped Albert Ives, of London, who retired in the sixth round with a badly cut eye.

Les Whiting, of Sutton, knocked out Jack Barr, in the second round, and Darky Sullivan, of Derby, drew with Douglas Emery, RAF, over eight rounds.

Harry Whitehead, of Nottingham, defeated Billy Grapper, of Worksop, on points over six rounds.

Petty Officer Ben Duffy, Royal Navy, and Syd Worgan, of Llanharan, met in a ten-rounder at Birmingham, and put on an aggressive, always interesting contest, before the referee declared a draw.

Warren Kendall, of Tonyrefail, Welsh Lightweight Champion, lost on points to Johnny Price, of Manchester, after eight hard rounds, during which Price built up an excellent lead.

In four rounds, Cyril Wills, of Shrewsbury, defeated Sgt. John McKay, RAF, on points, and Arthur Matthews, of Birmingham, defeated Victor Turbefile, of Blackheath, on points, while Ernie Smith, of Birmingham, defeated Billy Ross, of Birmingham on points.

Sergt. Freddie Mills, 176 pounds, RAF, holder of the British Light-heavyweight Championship, scored a seven round kayo victory over the Scottish ex-amateur heavyweight champion, Ken Shaw, 207½, at the Queensberry Club, London, in a contest originally scheduled for eight rounds. Mills was put on the canvas for a count of eight from a beautiful right to the jaw which lifted him clean off his feet during the fourth round. He made as if to rise at two, but was wise enough to take a longer breather, and at eight arose and went into a clinch.

Mills was clever enough to keep out of harm's way while recovering from the effects of the blow, and after the sixth round came into his own, when he caught Shaw with a right to the head, and floored him for eight, and on rising, Mills tore in and really punished the Scot, who was bleeding profusely.

At the start of the seventh, Mills let loose a terrific right which caught Shaw full in the face, and split the Scot's top lip. Mills stood off, and called the referee's attention to the injury, and this official immediately stopped the fight, it being obvious that Shaw was in a very bad way.

The chief supporting contest introduced to professional boxing, Les Voice, former Midland Counties Amateur Champion, who scored a one-round kayo win over Jimmy Lee, Islington.

Jackie Wilson, of Liverpool, defeated Jackie Potts, of Crewe, in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounds contest, the contest being stopped to save Potts unnecessary punishment.

Warren Kendall, of Tonyrefail, defeated Johnny Ward, of Ireland, the referee stopping the contest in the fifth round, while Jimmy Stubbs, of Runcorn, outpointed Cliff Morris, of Wales, over eight rounds, and Billy Innes, of Glasgow, outpointed Dudley Lewis, of Wales, over six rounds.

Joe Curran, RAF, 109, contender for the world's flyweight championship, scored a fine points win over Johnny Regan, of Bradford, 122, at the Liverpool Stadium, over ten rounds. The bout was fast and furious, but the ultimate decision was never in doubt.

Tony McGowan, of Ireland, and Johnny Walker, of Leeds, met in an interesting eight-round featherweight contest, before the referee decided in a draw.

Nick Lucas, of Widnes, was forced to retire in the fourth of a scheduled eight round contest, by the hard punching of Moe Walker, of Leicester.

Dennis Skidmore, of Rotherham, won by a technical kayo over Mick Milner, of Bradford, in the first of a scheduled eight round contest, while in a six-round curtain raiser, Norman James outpointed Les Thomas, Army.

Seaman Terry Allen, Royal Navy, the smart London flyweight, is being kept extremely busy besides his Naval duties, by scoring wins over heavier opponents in Middle East rings.

He has to date, won five contests out there, three by kayo, and two by the points route, and the local press all enthuse about this young Londoner, whom they have dubbed, and I quote, "The finest flyweight ever seen in these parts, and certainly a match for any flyweight in the world."

His latest victories were at the expense of Hassan Ramadin, Egypt, whom he outpointed over six rounds, and a points win over the Greek featherweight, Costa Kyriacu. He weighed 123, to the 113 of Allen, who took the initiative from the very first round, when a right swing by the Greek soldier, was neatly slipped by Allen, who retaliated with two snappy lefts to the face and a left hook to the jaw, which toppled Kyriacu for a count of six, the bell coming to his assistance.

Allen soon got to work in the second, and with fast left leads built up a points lead, but the Greek boy began using his weight advantage, and the referee was kept busy parting them, when Allen stepped in, and with a right to the jaw put his opponent down for another count, this time of eight.

In the third, Allen scored at will and the Greek boy took another count of eight. He gamely struggled to his feet, and managed to last the distance, he caused Allen no trouble, and the Navy lad ran out an easy winner.

Ernie Roderick, British Welterweight Champion, easily outpointed George Odwell, Camden Town, over eight uninteresting rounds at Seymour Hall, Marylebone, and made absolutely no impression in doing so.

Roderick, who began the contest with an air of lassitude, lacked his usual fire. He dropped Odwell for a nine count in the third, but never again during the bout did he find another opening, and so after eight dull rounds, with Roderick piling up points against an opponent who seemed equally uninspired, the Champion received a decision.

Harry Lazar, of Aldgate, defeated Harry Davis, of Bethnal Green, who was disqualified in the fifth round for an alleged low blow.

Hal Cartwright, of Tipton, defeated Dave Finn, of Stepney, who was disqualified in the second for an alleged low blow.

Len Bennett, of Hackney, outpointed Al Marson, of Stepney, in eight rounds, while Charlie Bush, of Stratford, outpointed Billy Gunn, of Glasgow, over the same route.

Lefty Satan Flynn, of Jamaica, 146½ pounds, was in good form and outpointed the young paratrooper, Gwyn Williams, 144¼, of Wales and Oxford, at Alexandra Theatre, Stoke Newington.

Flynn fought and boxed very cleverly, and realizing he was up against a speedier opponent, allowed Williams to do the leading, and Flynn relied on counter punching, which he did to such good effect, that it was a much slowed up Williams that came up for the latter rounds.

In the fifth, a right from Williams started Flynn's eyebrow bleeding, but attention to this injured member during the interval between rounds kept it from becoming worse. Williams took full marks for footwork, but was unable to check Flynn, who really boxed in tip-top form, and came out a good winner at the end.

Jack Coles, of Bargoed, and Jake Carr, of Silvertown, fought themselves to a standstill over six rounds, with Coles receiving the nod.

Leo Phillips, of Birmingham, defeated Harry Davis, of Bethnal Green, in the third round, and Tony Russell, of Canada, defeated Alf Mann, of Walworth, who was disqualified in the fourth for palming.

Al Butler, of Canada, proved too good for Des Wright, of Derby, and the fight was stopped

in the second round after Wright had taken severe punishment.

Dom Lydon, of Ireland, was too experienced for Derek Harper, of Loughborough, having his second contest, and the referee stepped in in the second round, applying the closure.

Bert Jackson, the smart Fleetwood featherweight, annexed the Northern Area Featherweight Title, when he defeated Ben Duffy, Royal Navy, on points after twelve hard contested rounds.

Duffy seemed handicapped at the weight, and Jackson, who is a fast mover and puncher, piled up a steadily increasing points lead and received a popular points decision at the close.

Danny Webb, of Canada, in his first fight since his suspension by the BBB of C, scored a good points win over Tommy Davies, of Nantyglo, over ten rounds.

Engaging in his first contest at Newport in Wales, since winning the lightweight title, Ronnie James, of Wales, dealt out heavy punishment to Dick Shields, of Liverpool, winning each of the eight rounds, and taking an easy points verdict.

Ronnie's young brother, Willie, made it a family affair, by outpointing Johnny Price, of Manchester, over eight rounds.

In a final eliminator for the Welsh Bantamweight Title, Ivor Gravell, of Nantyglo, outpointed George Thomas, of Merthyr, over ten rounds.

After being way behind on points, Joe Curran, of Liverpool, 111½ pounds, and official contender for the World's Flyweight Title, made a smashing come-back by knocking out Dennis Timoney, of Glasgow, 116¾, in the tenth and last round, at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Billy Barton, of RAF, and Dennis Chadwick, of Bridlington, boxed an excellent eight-rounder to a draw.

Harry Hughes, of Scotland, won on points over eight rounds, over Ralph Moss, of Manchester, while over six rounds, Chris Kelly, of Liverpool, won on points over Billy Boyd, Scotland.

Vince Hawkins, 163 pounds, the smart 21-year-old undefeated Eastleigh middleweight, added yet another to his string of victories, now totalling 68, when he outpointed Bert Gilroy, 163¾, of Scotland, in eight rounds at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Scot was by far the more skilful boxer and Hawkins had a more difficult task than usual.

It was Hawkins' youth and speed that eventually turned the tide. The Eastleigh lad made a strong, furious finish to win the final round and the referee's award by a narrow margin.

Lefty "Satan" Flynn, of Jamaica, 148¼, had an easy journey when he defeated Arthur Danahar, 147, of Bethnal Green, in eight rounds.

Flynn was at the top of his form, and extremely aggressive, and he went in from the start to pile up points.

Danny Webb, 126¾, the Canadian Negro featherweight, made a good return to tip-top form, when he knocked out the Northern Area Featherweight Champion, Bert Jackson, 127½, of Fleetwood, in the fourth of a scheduled eight round contest.

Webb took command immediately and dealt out severe punishment to the Fleetwood boy before applying the closure with a left to the stomach and two rights to the chin.

In six rounds, Reg Andrews, Royal Marines, defeated Charlie Bundy, of Wales, on points.

In one of the finest British Featherweight Championship contests seen in years, Nel Tarleton of Liverpool, now serving in the RAF, clashed with the young Aldgate "flash", Al Phillips, at The Belle Vue, Manchester, and after fifteen hard-fought rounds in which the thrills came fast and furious, the 39-year-old Tarleton gave a brilliant display to retain his title and win outright his second Lonsdale belt. The contest, which had been eagerly awaited, did not let the fans down, and all were unanimous in that they had seen a bout well worthy of champions.

Phillips began the bout with an aggressive attack, on the grounds that he had youth and vigor on his side, and he set out to wear the Liverpudlian down. This he succeeded in doing during all the early part of the contest, carrying it to Tarleton all the way.

Tarleton, his boxing skill unquestioned, took quite a bit of punishment, in his endeavours to save his energy, and boxed a purely defensive battle for ten rounds. It was during the tenth stanza, that Phillips, who looked particularly ferocious with a three-day growth of black beard, nearly won the contest when he pummeled into Tarleton, who reeled around the ring, leaning on the ropes, and doing all he could to avoid being sent down.

He took tremendous punishment during this round, punishment, which a lesser man would have found it difficult to withstand . . . but withstand it he did, and it is to his credit that he had recovered sufficiently by the 11th round to carry the fight back to Phillips.

Until the 12th round, it was still anybody's contest, but it was during this round that Tarleton pulled ahead, when during a fast melee, Phillips suddenly began shaking his right leg, and it became obvious that something, a cramp, had attacked his leg. He had been in a hospital three weeks before the contest for the ailment. With this member practically useless, he found it difficult to withstand Tarleton's furious onslaughts, and the champion won the last three rounds at the end of which Referee Ben Hardwick had absolutely no hesitation in awarding him the decision.

Jackie Rankin of Southall defeated Ben Duffy (Royal Navy) in the fourth round at Shepherds Bush, London, the referee ending the contest when the Petty Officer had injured his right hand and was unable to continue.

In an eight-rounder Tommy Foxall of Tipton defeated Billy Taylor of Chiswick after an interesting contest.

Dave Finn of Stepney seemed extremely lucky to receive a points verdict over Dave Crowley of Clerkenwell in 12 rounds at the Alexandra Theatre, Stoke Newington, when they met for the latter's Southern Area Lightweight Championship. Finn, who had proved Crowley's master on three previous occasions, undoubtedly proved himself the better at in-fighting, but Crowley earned the decision by virtue of his excellent left hand leading throughout the bout.

Crowley kept driving Finn back with his long lefts, and the latter was twice warned by the referee, first for a rather low delivery, and then for a kidney punch. Crowley took a short count from a left swing to the stomach in the fifth, but he still seemed to be ahead on points, owing to his fast all around boxing.

Finn was floored during the seventh, with a beautiful left hand punch, but he was on his feet instantly and fighting back for all he was worth.

Finn's eye was cut during the eighth. Finn continued his aggressive tactics, receiving the decision at the end, although I personally could not make out, from my score card, how he had won.

Al Butler of Canada defeated Ivor Simpson of Basingstoke on points over eight fast rounds.

Jack "Kid" Berg, former British Lightweight Champion, now 35 years old, took the first step on his new comeback campaign by knocking out Eric Dolby of Derby in the fourth round at the Caledonian Road Baths, London.

Berg showed all his old aggression, although lacking his former speed. Dolby was the superior in boxing skill, but he was forced to give ground under Berg's fierce two-handed attacks, and after being sent to the boards during the fourth, for two long counts, a stiff right to the body, put him down and out.

Over eight rounds Johnny Russell of Covent Garden drew with Hal Cartwright of Tipton in a lightweight contest.

The seventh in the series of Bert Gilroy of Scotland and Pat O'Connor of Ireland contests, took place at the Queensberry Club, London, with Gilroy chalking up his sixth win over the Irishman. The other decision had been a draw.

It seems that if O'Connor and Gilroy were to meet two hundred and fifty-three times, Gilroy would always be too smart for O'Connor for this bout over 8 rounds went the same way as did all the others with Gilroy taking an early lead and maintaining it until the end.

Lefty "Satan" Flynn of Jamaica was in excellent form when he caused Jackie Wilson of Liverpool to retire at the end of the third of a scheduled eight rounds contest.

Wilson, with 14 pounds advantage, could do absolutely nothing against the devastating punching of the Negro lad, and took counts of seven and eight. Although he went to his corner, he was badly dazed, and decided to retire.

Lieut. Joe Gagnon (Canada) made his professional debut with a win over Johnny Mack of Islington who retired in the fifth of a scheduled six-round contest. A southpaw boxer, Gagnon, who was runner-up at the Empire Games Flyweight Championship in Sydney in 1938, is one of the coolest boxers in any ring.

In an eight-rounder, Syd Worgan of Llanharan, outpointed Ritchie "Kid" Tanner of British Guiana, while Jimmy Brunt (Royal Marines) defeated George Merritt of Silvertown on points, and Wilf Parkin of Mansfield defeated Cliff Morriss of Pontypridd who was disqualified in the second round for an alleged low blow.

Billy Stevens, an up-and-coming youngster from Tillicoutry, made short shift of Billy McCarthy of Coatbridge, whom he met in ten rounds at the Town Hall, Clydebank. Stevens, who is an extremely aggressive fighter, tore into McCarthy from the opening gong and after being on the receiving end for three rounds, McCarthy retired, leaving Stevens the winner.

Billy Innes of Glasgow and Jimmy Dunn also of Glasgow met over ten hectic rounds which ended with Inness receiving a hotly-disputed verdict.

Harry Hughes of Hamilton punched far too hard for Tommy Miller of Glasgow, who retired at the end of the seventh of a scheduled ten-round contest, after taking several long counts.

Johnny Smith of Clydebank outpointed Peter Gardiner of Glasgow over ten hard-fought rounds.

Mick Gibbons, the classy Haydock Welterweight, made a welcome reappearance at Blackpool, by piling up a points win over Jim Hurst of Newcastle in ten rounds. Gibbons, who has been making noticeable improvement in each successive contest, was by far the more polished fighter-boxer and impressed the crowd.

George Pull (RAF) seemed unlucky at being disqualified in the first round of his contest with Dick Studholme for an alleged low blow.

Johnny Clark of Warrington stopped Norman James of Liverpool in the fourth of a six-rounder, while Tommy Smith of Birmingham repeated dose on Pat Haley of Cardiff.

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L/Cpl. Tod Jones of Derby scored a good w when the referee stopped his contest in the fi with Jack Lewis of Bournemouth, when the latte had taken much punishment.

Billy Williams of Derby was well beaten Bobby Bates of Durham after eight rounds hurricane speed.

Alf Brailsford of Derby defeated Ken Barr of Cardiff who was disqualified in the second a scheduled eight-round contest for an alleged l blow.

Des Wright of Sutton seemed unfortunate w forced to retire in the third of a scheduled eig round contest with Ginger McDermott of Bolto having suffered a bad cut over the eye.

Dick Shields of Liverpool outpointed Har Lazar of London over ten rounds at Cardiff Do Hall.

Shields scored a knockdown in the third roun the referee disallowing Lazar's claim for a fou and although Lazar fought back after risin Shields had enough on the ball to merit the d cision.

Jackie Hughes of Pontypridd gained a point win over Tommy Plowright of Nottingham aft a hard and clever eight-round contest.

Syd Worgan, Welsh Featherweight Champion scored a points win over Willie Grey of Swans over ten uneventful rounds at Swansea. Worga came into the picture after six rounds and took points lead with his attacking methods, maintain ing this until the end when he received the d cision.

Cliff Purvis of Swansea and Vernon Ball Pentrie put up a clever and interesting eight-round bout with Purvis taking the decision by a wide margin.

Max Lewis of Swansea was forced to retire the third after having been floored for nine in th first session by Phil Freeman of Bargoed. He wa dropped also in the second and took two lon counts in the third after which the referee decide to award Freeman the decision by a T.K.O.

Dicky Roberts of Swansea drew with R Pritchard of Llanharan after a good recovery fro a bad start over eight rounds and Reg Quinlan Ammanford defeated Jack Aldren of Swansea points.

Jimmy Moore, 152 pounds, of Birkenhead seemed unfortunate to be disqualified in the eight round of his contest with Cyril Willis of Shrews bury, 147 pounds, at the Liverpool Stadium for a alleged low blow. Peter Fallon of Birkenhead wo on points over George Pull (RAF) over eight rounds. Jock Bonas of Rotherham won on point over Moe Walker of Leicester over eight round Joe Hart of St. Helens knocked out Eddie Thom son of Liverpool in the first of a scheduled six round middleweight contest.

Jimmy Anderson of Waltham Cross outpointe Billy Hawkins of Watford over eight rounds Watford.

Ernie "Red" Pullen of Cardiff defeated Ger Fowler of Canada over eight rounds on points.

The Cardiff Veteran proved too experienced f the Canadian boy and was a good winner.

Mickey Jones, 122½ pounds, (Royal Navy won on points over Dennis Timoney, 118½, o Glasgow, over ten rounds at The Stadium, Liver pool. Jones, a clever fast bantamweight, too Timoney out of his stride and never allowed hi to get started. Teddy Gallagher of Blackpool wo over Paddy O'Toole of Liverpool in the third a a scheduled eight-round contest. Chad Savory o British Guiana knocked out Marcus Alexandria Bargoed in the sixth of a scheduled eight-round contest. Petty Officer Gordon Griffiths (Roya Navy) won on points over Terry Tinker Rotherham over eight rounds. Johnny Clark Warrington defeated Jimmy Lewis of Grimsb over six rounds on points.

Syd Clayton of Blackpool knocked out Freddie Smith of Liverpool in the first of a scheduled six-round bantamweight contest.

Gwyn Williams, Welsh Welterweight Champion knocked out Billy Stevens of Glasgow in th seventh of a scheduled ten-round contest Leicester. Williams dominated the contest throug out, flooring his opponent for eight in the fo round, and nine in the fifth, before scoring th final coup-de-grace.

Tommy Reddington of Salford defeated Robinson of Leeds on points over an eight-rou heavyweight contest.

Bobby Ramsay of Stepney defeated Warre Kendall of Wales over eight rounds.

Ramsay was by far the faster and took co mand early.

Jimmy Stubbs, 126¼ pounds, of Runcorn, de feated Jim Brady, 124¼ pounds, of Dundee, a British Empire Bantamweight Champion, ov ten rounds at the Liverpool Stadium. Brady seem unable to cope with Stubbs, who chalked up a go win. Mick Gibbons of Haydock scored anoth good points win when he defeated Tommy Hend of Glasgow over eight fast rounds.

Peter Fallon of Birkenhead won on points ov

Freddie Cotton of Barrow over eight rounds. Tom Smith of Birmingham won on points over Archie Hannan of RAF over eight rounds. Gus Foran of Liverpool won on points over Tony McGowan of Ireland over six rounds.

Terry Allen, the brilliant young Londoner who is serving in the Royal Navy, now holds the title of Flyweight Champion of the United Services in the Middle East. Allen gained another spectacular win, this time over the Royal Guards Bantamweight Champion, Hassan Abou Saada, over six rounds. Allen, by his clever boxing, outclassed his heavier opponent, proving once again that he is the best fly- or bantamweight ever seen in Egyptian rings.

Saada weighed 121 pounds to the 113 pounds of Allen.

In the second round Allen sent a right to the Egyptian's jaw, which toppled him for a seven count, and when the gong came to his assistance he was in a bad way.

Allen continued to take charge of the contest and after an excellent display of boxing and fast hitting was an easy winner. A few days later Allen chalked up yet another win to his unbeaten record as a professional, this time over Sapper Johnstone of the British Army.

Allen displayed his usual clever work, and it must be to Johnstone's credit that he managed to last the full distance of six rounds.

Dick Shields, 147¼ pounds, of Liverpool, scored a technical kayo over Cyril Wills, 146 pounds, of Shrewsbury, at The Stadium, Liverpool. The contest, originally scheduled for ten rounds, ended in the fifth when Wills was unable to continue.

Dennis Skidmore of Rotherham chalked up a points win over Jackie Hughes of St. Helens after eight fast and interesting rounds.

Freddie Cotton of Barrow knocked out Jock Ronas of Rotherham in the third of an eight-round contest.

Norman James of Liverpool knocked out Jackie Ryan of Stoke in the fifth of a scheduled six-round contest, while Jackie McGouran of Ireland defeated Frank Norton of Wakefield on points over six rounds.

Danny Webb, the Negro Canadian Featherweight, continues to carry all before him. In his latest bout, at Brighton, he created an excellent impression by handing out a severe beating to British Empire Bantamweight Champion, Jim Brady of Dundee, causing the referee to halt the bout in the seventh of a scheduled ten-round contest. Webb dominated the bout throughout.

The beginning of the end came during the sixth stanza, when a hard left to the stomach put Brady down for a long count, which he just managed to beat, rising on the "out." The referee ordered the men to box on and it was clear that Brady was in a bad way.

Brady had taken two previous counts of nine, in the fourth and in the fifth rounds. In the seventh round Brady seemed merely a punching bag for all Webb's heavy artillery, the referee intervened, giving Webb a well-earned decision.

In the chief supporting contest, Dave Crowley of Clerkenwell, had a fairly easy time defeating George Pook of Torquay over eight rounds.

Jackie Rankin of Southall outpointed Bobby Ramsay of Stepney over eight rounds, while Claude Dennington of London won his third professional contest, this time defeating Freddie Young of French Navy over six rounds.

Young proved a difficult opponent for Dennington, who showed that although the material is there, he still has a lot to learn. Particularly not to swing!

Billy Hazelgrove of Brighton outpointed Johnny Summers of Edinburgh on points over six rounds.

It is with extreme regret that I record the untimely death of "Pa" Petersen, father of Jack Petersen, former British Heavyweight Champion.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LES HUFFMAN

GENE GUDGILL, Dayton, Ohio, welterweight, who was under the Northern A.C. club management, has announced that his manager Lee Hammond has sold half interest in his contract to Nick Londos of Detroit, Michigan.

Hank Kidwell, former welterweight fighter of Newark, Ohio, was wounded while taking part in the European invasion. He is now in the Dayton, Ohio, Veterans' Hospital.

Roy McCann, former fight manager and promoter of Newark, Ohio, is now in the Navy. He is attached to a hospital ship.

Norman Russell is an exceedingly bright prospect. He comes from Columbus, Ohio. The kid not only hits hard with both mitts, but has class. He is a welterweight and all the railbirds who have seen him go through his paces in the gym, think he has a bright future.

Mutt Schwartz, local welterweight, had two setbacks last month. Cliff Becket of Buffalo, and Young Sparky of Indianapolis, both stopped him.

Ken Johnson, the Miami heavyweight, is in training.

Franky Franklin, local welterweight, is back in training after a severe sickness.

Columbus, Ohio, is still dead as a door nail so far as pro fights are concerned.

Al. Zill, Youngstown promoter, who has been absent from the fight game for several years, has tossed his hat into the ring, and is now trying to make a Tommy Woodyard vs. Ira Hughes light-heavyweight fight for his first offering.

Jimmy Clay, West Coast welterweight, who can go with the best of them, is now making his home in Evansville, Indiana. He is being booked by the writer. He just moved to Indiana from Nebraska.

Buddy Walker, Columbus, Ohio, heavyweight, may never be a champion, but one thing is certain, he makes his opponents fight. In his last bout, which was in Indianapolis, Buddy squared off with Colion Chaney, who has been a regular winner in Indiana, and after ten good rounds, Walker was given a popular vote by all judges.

Cincinnati will resume boxing after several years of idleness. The promoter is Mr. Leonard Shallat, a Cincinnati attorney and his matchmaker is Harold Hartman who is connected with the radio station WCPO.

Joe Smith who just recently came to Columbus from Georgia, is working out daily and is angling for a bout with Willie Russel. Joe is a free wheeler and swings all the time. This should be a good bout if some local promoter wants a home contest.

Lee Hammond, Dayton, Ohio, promoter, had plenty of trouble in arranging a show for the Gem City on April 4, but finally succeeded in getting Joe Bascos, welterweight, to fight Bruce Gardner of Georgia. Bruce came out fighting and was given credit for winning the first round, and started in the same way in the second round, but after having driven Russel to the ropes, the Columbus welterweight came back with a flurry of punches that smothered the Georgia battler. A right cross sent Bruce to the floor and the referee counted him out. Dave Clark, Cincinnati, won over Curley Denton in eight. Russel Lawson, Sandusky, Ohio, was stopped by Tippy Randal of Cincinnati in two. Georgia Jimmy Smith, was given the next fight on a foul. His opponent was Victor Bird of Dayton, Ohio.

Paul White of Cincinnati beat Felix Thomas, a little soldier weighing 124 pounds, who is stationed at Wright Field. Thomas was stopped in the third round. Thomas was outweighed by seven pounds.

The writer, Les Huffman, Route 1, Pickerington, Ohio, will answer all mail concerning the fight game around this part of the country. Send postage to cover same.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

IN a ten round main event at Turner's Arena, Colion Chaney, Indianapolis, copped the duke over Clent Conway of Newark. It was one of the poorest fights ever seen at Uncle Joe's, with the blame falling on the shoulders of Conway. Chaney tried to make a go of it but Conway didn't seem at all interested and was content to let Colion lead while he continually fell into a clinch. Consequently the D.A. Boxing Commission suspended Conway for a ninety day period. The balance of the card was excellent, with the semi-final a fine boxing contest between Joe Gannon, 151, Washington, and Sparky Reynolds, 147, Indianapolis. Gannon looked good in chalking up another win. It was a six round bout. In other prelims, Smuggy Hersey, 149, Washington, decisioned Jimmy McGriff, 144½, Washington, in a six, while Gordon Stiles, 154½, Washington, outpointed Waddy Forcey, 160, Washington. The opening four saw Don Ellis, 155, Washington, win over Flattop Cummings, 150, Washington. For the feature bout Chaney weighed 183 to Conway's 177.

The Liberty Club's bout between Danny Petro, of Washington, and Pete Virgin, of New York City, had been billed as a real brawl and believe me, it was just that. For ten hectic rounds they battled with Petro holding a slight edge to emerge the victor. Both boys punched and butted with much enthusiasm, and practically threw out the rule book in a pier six special. In the sixth Danny opened up Petey's cheek but it failed to hamper the ambitious Virgin who was continually striving for a kayo. Danny scaled 130 to Virgin's 127, at the weigh-in.

In another ten-rounder Jimmy Hatcher, 139, Lake City, S. C., kayoed Eddie Dowell, 139½, New York City, in 2:09 of the third round. Dowell was soundly trounced by Hatcher, who has improved since his appearance here last fall.

Three four-round prelims completed the card that attracted a $7,275 gate.

Joe Smith, 200, Washington, knocked out Joe Green, 189, Washington, in 1:57 of the first. Don Ellis, 153, Washington, outpointed Norman O'Neill, 163, Washington, and Ellis looked much improved in this win. Tommy Clark, 198, Annapolis, won over Jimmy "Powerhouse" Johnson, 189, Washington. The Petro-Virgin bout will in all probability be a re-match. A good show.

In an eleven round re-match at Uline Arena, Pete Virgin reversed the score by winning decisively over Danny Petro. The rounds constituted a compromise, as the boys couldn't agree on 10 or 12 rounds.

This bout was mild in comparison to the previous ten-rounder, which was a genuine pier six special. The consensus of opinion was that Virgin took nine of the eleven rounds. Petro started fast but tired from the fourth round to the eleventh. Virgin unloosed a knockdown left to floor Danny who bounded up refusing to take the count. Petro continually pawed with a right and attempted to use his potent left to advantage, but Pete was outboxing him in the infighting. Virgin outscored Danny with body blows to the midsection. Petro was unable to cope with Virgin's attack, especially in the closing rounds. For the re-match, Virgin scaled 124 to Petro's 126. A crowd of 2709 paid a gross of $8,204, while the net was $6040.36.

In the prelims, Tommy Mollis, 148, Baltimore, decisioned Smuggy Hersey, 151, Washington, in a six; while in another scheduled six, Jimmy Bell, 183, Washington, won via the T.K.O. route in 2:43 of the fourth over Joe Smith, 208, Annapolis, when Referee Gallagher stepped in to halt it. Don Ellis, 155, Washington, kayoed Kid Butler, 146, Baltimore, in 1:17 of the first of a scheduled four. In the opener, a four, Bill Swoboda, 130, Baltimore, outpointed Francis Adams, 135, Baltimore.

After battling for twenty rounds to draw decisions, Bee Bee Washington, the district's new fistic pride, finally came through with a hairline decision over Johnny Finazzo, of Baltimore, in Joe Turner's bi-monthly show at the Arena. This, their third meeting, was almost identical to the previous two ten-rounders and in the opinion of the majority of fans, it could have ended in a draw. Under the 10 point scoring system used in the District, the officials voted thus:— Referee Charley Reynolds, 94 to 93 for Washington. Dr. O. U. Singer, 94 to 93 to Washington. While the other judge, Bob Eller, favored Double Bee, 94 to 92. It was that close.

2028 customers paid $5292.46 to see the mill, the largest in the history of the Arena. Net was $3,989.82. Weights were Washington, 161½; Finazzo, 167.

In the semi-windup, Frank Sweeney, 163½, Washington, scored his tenth pro victory and also his tenth kayo win in finishing Leroy Fleming, 165, Washington, in 1:20 of the third round.

A pair of sixes saw Norval Gaddis, 145, Washington, reverse a previous decision, by winning over Gary Rice, 148, Alexandria, while Al Johnson, 163, N. Y. C., punched out a win over Eddie Finazzo, 158, Baltimore. Billy Sneed, 151, Washington, decisioned, Flattop Cummings, 150, Washington, in the opening four. A well rounded show, chuck full of action, possibly the best one of the winter season.

Howard Brodt and LaVerne Roach, 147 and 160 pounders, from the Cherry Point, N. C., Marine base, representing the Washington *Times-Herald* in the Eastern Golden Gloves competition at N. Y. C., brought back two Eastern titles as Washington finished second in team competition. Al Costello in Florida for a well earned rest after doing a bang up job on the Washington *Post*—D.C.A.A.U. "Battle of the Belts."

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

PROMOTER LOUIS MESSINA and Matchmaker Lew Raymond have a flock of topnotch main-bout fistic material for the open air shows at the Pelican Stadium. Topping the box office boys is Bernard Docusen, Southern lightweight champion; Freddie Archer, Newark, N. J. welterweight; Howell Steen, Dallas, Tex., 147-pounder and Jimmy Hatcher, Lake City, S. C. lightweight.

Docusen versus Jimmy Hatcher is a natural which Raymond and Messina are working on for early in May. The match can do at least $15,000.

Hatcher looked good in defeating Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y., lightweight who had fought two six-round draws here with Docusen.

Howell Steen and Freddie Archer packed the Municipal Auditorium in their ten-round bout in which Steen met with his first decisive defeat in a local ring. Archer had too many ring tricks for the game and willing Steen. Steen, in defeat, remained a drawing card.

Docusen made one of his best fights since turning professional on March 19, when he defeated Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, Maine southpaw, in a one-sided six-round bout which drew a net gate of $6484.47 at the Coliseum arena under the promotion of the Heard Ragas-Emile Bruneau combine. Docusen is the only fighter who has won over Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn., since Graves turned professional.

Augie Lapara, made his first start since his loss of an eight-round decision by defeating Marcel Fournier, Montreal, Can., featherweight, at the Coliseum arena. Eddie Gettys, Docusen's stablemate knocked out Sebastian Gonzales, in five rounds on the double eight-round windup and Jackie Allen, now managed by Johnny Fisse, one-time bantam contender stopped Lew Williams of Florida in three heats.

Never before in the history of the local boxing game have the gates equaled those drawn during the past six months. The summer open air season should find records shattered.

Charley Rodriquez, former Southern featherweight champion, now manages the 139 Baronne Street gymnasium and has it packed with spectators at the daily workouts. Charley can speak several languages and Mexican and Spanish fighters with no managerial ties desiring work here can contact Rodriguez, at the 139 Baronne Street gymnasium, New Orleans, La.

Eddie Coulon, now tops the local third men. Coulon has received the assignment in the most important bouts staged here recently from the Louisiana Athletic Commission. Once a foremost contender for the bantam title, Coulon knows every angle of the game and smart fighters or would-be-smart-guy managers cannot pull any wool over Eddie's eyes.

Promoters and matchmakers in Dixie wishing the services of good fighters can contact this writer who is associated with Whitey Esneault, in the management of Bernard Docusen and the best stable of fighters in Dixie. My address is DeSoto Hotel, 420 Baronne Street, Phone Ma. 4881. New Orleans, La.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By HOMER AMUNDSEN

PROFESSIONAL boxing was resumed at Tacoma on April 6, after nearly two years on the ice. Will Maylon, the North West's top promoter had on tap for his opening show, a four four-round deal, and three six-rounders.

Jack McOmber Northwest lightheavy titleholder of a few years back, has found himself back in the writer's gym with the idea of obtaining some future ring work in Northwest clubs. Jack is managed by the veteran Jack Connors, dean of Coast boxing managers.

The newly formed Midway Arena here should see much future wrestling and boxing activity. The grunt and groan boys will show their tricks each Tuesday night, while Will Maylon hopes to go every two weeks on the boxing end of things.

The writer recently received from somewhere in England, an interesting letter from Lt. Don Ferris, former amateur boxer from this city of Tacoma. Lt. Ferris has taken part in four boxing shows somewhere over there. His work shows all victories, three by decisions and one knockout.

Wayne Parker, former amateur and high school boxer of Tacoma, was recently home on furlough from North Carolina. The youngster has filled out quite a bit since entering the service. The young fellow is a clean cut and well mannered lad.

The best young ring discovery of the month here, is seventeen-year-old, 150-pounder Tommy Passmare, Lincoln high school boy. The boy has had two school boxing show starts, winning both by sensational K.O.'s.

Pete Tarpley, former star Southern lightweight was a recent visitor to the writer's gym. Tarpley, now stationed at nearby Fort Lewis, boxed Lew Ambers, and other good ones.